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What will Nunn do with the National?

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Treetop party as machine army circles

John Vidal, above, who recently went undercover as a Newbury bypass security guard, now joins protesters in defences 100ft above the ground

HE CB radio crackled into life at 6am.
"What's coming?" "Yellow coats." 'How many?"

"Hundreds."

Roger, Charlie, I think In the dawn half-light, 40 or so Reddings Corse protesters whoop. "I've protesters whoop. "I've been waiting for this five months," says Howie at then shouts into the

if you think you're tall Eight coach-loads of security guards are running across the fields. The protesters greet them with their war cry of "Aruga", and drums begin beating

between the trees. Howie, Greg, Bob, Jim, Danny, Blue, Alex, Hughie and a dozen others have slept for three hours but are now working feverishly to further defend The Pine. It is the tallest and straightest tree on the Newbury bypass route, 150ft high with tree houses at 100 and 130 feet.

At the very tip, a ladder reaches over everything with a deflant flag. From here all Berkshire can be seen, as can the full length of the bypass route — already a 100-yard wide, nine-mile long trail of mud

and broken trees. Within 15 minutes, The Pine and four 90ft oak trees, each with a house, are surrounded. There are protest drums and the adrenalin is soaring. Everyone will be arrested,

many possibly jailed. People clamber out of the houses to cling to branches and broadcast credos to the State below: "This money should be spent on education", "We'd rather die like lions than live like

you lot". The Pine's lower tree house is solid enough —a mix of domestic cosiness with a stove, carpets and kitchen — and rock-hard road-slowers' tools.

There are bicycles, locks, D clamps, wires (barbed and straight), hooks, padlocks, chains and handcuffs to lock on to the tree when the bailiffs

Soon, there is a low distant rumble. With Wagnerian overstatement, 200 more guards are escorting four mechanical diggers through a field. They crash and crush all before them. The last one carries a blazing fire in its bucket. "They've brought their own damn-hell torch," says Bob.

metaphorically beat their chests, raising their digging arms in mock salute to the protesters. "It's a bloody siege." says someone from



The fortified pine. 'Come and get us, if you think you're tall enough' shotograph: GARRY WEASER



the roof, "It's the bloody State steamrolling

everything," says another. Enter Balin. He is famous for his 16-day vigil up a tripod on part of the route. He arrives without climbing harness, having free climbed across four trees and 50 yards of aerial ropeway, beginning his ascept outside the guards'

security cordon. "To tell the truth, I was pooping myself," he says. He has a black eye and

bruising from an eviction two days previously. He talks of pressing charges. "It's a hell of a pad you've got bere." He helps dress the tree further in wire and recommends smearing margarine on the bra Then he curls up and half

sleeps. The day wears on. The balliffs have still not arrived and it becomes clear that the real action is at other camps. Sheriff's officers have arrested 17 protesters and cleared six tree houses at a camp at Bagnor on the northern part of the route. Another

campaigner has been held in Reddings Copse. By mid-afternoon, as the machines gather closer to the base of the tree houses, it dawns on everyone that there will be no evictions from the camp today. There is a mix of relief for the trees and anti-climay.

they are actually in the "Okey, let's party," says Bob. A guitar is hauled up from the base of the tree and a water container



Down on the ground the machines and guards circle the huge pine tree ever more tightly, completely drowning the music and the talk above. Smoke from the brush fires and burning trees obscures the landscape. The cordon moves in another yard. Now

"Tomorrow, mate." says one of the security guards as we abseil down the 100 feet to the ground. "Tomorrow we get you."



tice, last night tences for repeat rapists and violent offenders and stiff tent burglars and drug

The senior judge in England and Wales said the plans, due to be published in a White Paper this spring, would cause injustice and would not work. The evidence that a harsher sentencing regime "will achieve any-thing beyond a bonanza for not exist". He added: "All the wishful

thinking in the world will not convince anyone that crime in America has fallen because of their sentencing policy." Speaking at King's College

the Master of the Rolls, agreed with him. agreed with him.

Launching the latest salvo in the battle between Michael Howard and the judges over the plans, Lord Taylor said his objections were not based on constitutional grounds or "a jealous protection of judi-cial independence". As a judge, it was not for him to complain that it would have what had been described as a



will not work . . . I have no doubt that what primarily deters crime is the likelihood of detection'

- Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice

tice by fettering the judge's they will not work ... I have discretion to take account of | no doubt that what primarily

They were incompatible with an important strand in the criminal law, the policy of discounting sentences for guilty pleas, which saved time and money and encouraged criminals to admit their guilt, enhancing the prospects of rehabilitation. Both objectives would be frustrated if feasibility projects and pilot judges had no discretion to studies

reduce sentences.

Lord Taylor echoed Lord Justice Rose's concern that repeat rapists who knew they faced a mandatory life sen-tence would kill their victims. "I wonder whether a repeat

rapist, faced with an auto-matic life sentence, will not think it less risky to cut his losses by killing the only wit-ness to his crime. He may

deters crime is the likelihood of detection." He said the volume of crim-

inal justice legislation was alarming. There was "a pervading sense of frenzy and uncer-tainty" in the courts, added to

Complex laws were pushed through so quickly that "in-consistencies and lacunae have to be cured in the Court

regulating what could or could not be done in society "should not be subject to arbitrary change by the powers that be or to the vagaries of feebloor"

was tany standy lights at 19.4 months.

"There is surprisingly little progression in these figures.

The Government firmly believes that if the public is clear.

sentencing proposals were first announced but had since refrained from commenting while awaiting the White

However, the motivation behind the judiciary's objections had been misinterpreted, he said, and he felt obliged to clarify them.

Mr Howard's proposals have drawn strong criticism from other serior formers in

from other senior figures in the judiciary, including the former Master of the Rolls Lord Donaldson, and from churchmen and penal reform

campaigners. Mr Howard said last night that life sentences were needed for serious violent and sexual offenders because unless they got life they had to be released at the end of their sentences, even if they were still a danger to the public. Persistent burglars and

to society", he added. "The public need to be protected from them. The Governmen long stretches in prison. In

average sentence length for a first time domestic burglary in the Crown Court in 1993/94 of Appeal or even by yet more legislation". was 16.2 months, and for a seventh offence or more it was only slightly higher at

what had been described as a then escape conviction altogether."

Conviction altogether."

Lord Taylor told his audinessage is to be sent to the prison population.

Elis first objection was that "I disagree with these proposition, and that of the plans would cause injus- als because I am quite sure senior judiciary, when the taken."

Dole claims party crown

HE Republican senator Robert Dole virtually nailed down his party's presidential nomination yesterday after winning eight primary states and the endorsement of two candidates who withdraw from the race. who withdrew from the race.

who withdrew from the race, Governor Lamar Alexander and Senator Richard Lugar.
Although the publishing billionaire Steve Forbes and the rightwing radical Pat Buchanan will battle on, and although two-thirds of the primaries are still to be fought, the 1996 election is shaping up as a clash between Mr Dole and President Bill Clinton.

This would echo the contest be more concerned with leading conservatives and the religious right.

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Mr Alexander and the religious right.

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George Bush.
"In Bob Dole, we have found a candidate who can bring the Republican party together," Mr Dole claimed yesterday.

He laughed off questions about his age — he will be 73 in July — by saying: "I have got lower blood pressure and lower cholesterol than Clin-

ton, but I won't make health an issue in this campaign." The usual drama of the election year appears to be ending dorsing Mr Dole in advance of prematurely, although Mr next week's Super Tuesday Forbes's campaign received a primary in the south next last-minute fillip on the eve of week.

football star, former congress

finally endorsed him.

New York opinion polls suggested that Mr Dole, the senate leader, would gain more votes than Mr Forbes and Mr Buchanan combined. Mr Buchanan said yesterday he would stay in the race
— although he now seems to
be more concerned with lead-

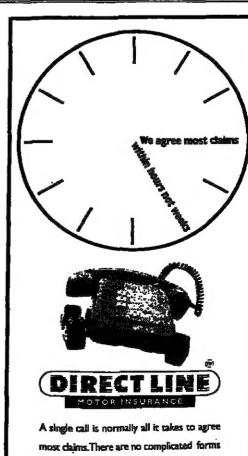
This would echo the cootest which Mr Clinton won four years ago against another veteran of the second world war,

England states.
Mr Dole's victory was less than triumphant, after losing the early primaries in New Hampshire to Mr Buchanan and Delaware and Arizona to Mr Forbes.

Governor George Pataki of New York is poised to deliver its 102 delegates to Mr Dole in today's primary. The governor of Texas, George Bush junior, yesterday joined his father. the former president, in en-

today's New York primary.

Jack Kemp, a popular local Leader comment, page 8



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The Newspaper **Focus Award for Outstanding Achievement**

Awarded to the Guardian, March 5, by a panel of judges including Sir David Frost, Kelvin MacKenzie and Magnus Linklater, who said the newspaper had shown an exceptional ability to set the agenda for debate and to speak powerfully to and on behalf of its readers. This is the citation in full

The best stories are in The Guardian

The Guardian has shown an outstanding performance on all these fronts, it has, with the appointment of Alan Rusbridger as editor, been rejuvenated. New writers have been brought in to strengthen it editorially, and the launch of the A5 Guide in the north of England in September boosted the paper's Saturday sale in the region by eight per cent and as much the spring to strengthen the paper's coverage of the arts, books and music. More recently, it launched GO2, the first dedicated information technology supplement by a British newspaper, not on newsprint but on the internet. It was also no slouch at getting the stories, and at setting an agenda which other papers felt obliged to follow. The Guardian showed that with the publication of Labour's secret strategy document, and leaked cabinet papers showing splits on race, education and lottery funding.

The Guardian has also demonstrated that, in spite of the commercial pressures on it, it is not afraid to go out on a limb. It was the only one of the nationals to publish the disturbing picture of a refugee woman in Bosnia hanging from a tree in the woods near a refugee camp. The stillness of that image spoke more about the pain of that war than any number of pictures of combatants or wrecked buildings.

The decision to publish the spread with a 5,000 word attempt by Myra Hindley to explain her crimes was courageous, and it came in for criticism, not least from other newspapers. A paper that is secure enough in itself to go against the grain and explore contrary views deserves our admiration. There are few politicians prepared to do that these days, and if as 15 per cent in some cities. The Friday Review was launched in | it were not for newspapers like the Guardian we would all be

1995 was also the year in which the paper reaped the benefit of having taken the right decisions at the start of the price war. News International might have shown that newspapers can definitely be sold on price. But the Guardian also showed that you don't have to play that game. By holding its price, in spite of a frightening differential of up to 25 pence against its main rivals at times, and investing in its editorial strengths. it managed to maintain sales of around 404,000 in the autumn the same as the corresponding period in 1994. By doing so. the Guardian showed, more than any other paper, the value of a newspaper as a brand, standing for values which go beyond the mere physical product that people buy every day, and for which its readers are prepared to con-

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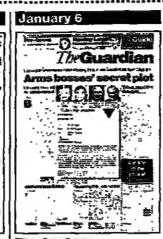
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Exclusive: The shame I felt in chains — I just wanted to die'



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Exclusive: Cabinet split on race issue

Mark Tren in How York

CAROLINE BEALE, who pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of her new-

born baby, is making arrangements for the body to be exhumed from a pau-

per's grave and cremated, and for the ashes to be taken to England for a

church service.

Ms Beale and her parents

the girl had already been buried. They thought the

corpse was still being held at the Queens County Mor-

tuary in New York until Ms

Beale's case was resolved. An official said the body

was sent for burial because it was unclaimed. "We were

holding it for 14 months,"

New York,

The life

at stake.

Summer 1954.

One man is dead

of another is



Exclusive: Labour's secret strategy

near Riker's Island jail where Ms Beale spent eight

due to fly to England today, found out about the burial

her parents were at the British consulate to arrange for the body to be taken to England. "She was

shaken," said British con-snl Michael Dwyer, "but not unduly distressed."

slaughter on Monday after a plea bargain, Ms Beale

avoided a painful trial.

She will be under probation for five years and sub-

ject to psychiatric care. Ms Beale, who concealed

her pregnancy from family

and friends, was arrested at Kennedy Airport 18

Michael Edwards and Carole Winter

Rush

Woman jailed after death of her baby applies to exhume body

said a spokeswoman. The body was buried in a pan-per's grave at Potters Field, flight to England.

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The best writers are in The Guardian



Chechen assault surprises Russians

Up to 1,000 rebels storm Grozny amid reports 'Lone Wolf' is dead

USSIA'S president, Boris Yeltsin, will confer with his national security advisers today about the deepening crisis in Chechenia after troops battled throughout yesterday to repel a full-scale assault by separatist rebels on the Chechen capital, Grozny.

The dawn attack — thought to have been mounted with today's meeting in mind appears to have caught the Russians by surprise and to have led to some of the fiercest fighting seen in Grozny since it was captured by fed-

The attack came amid reports of the death of the Chechen guerrilla leader Sal-

rebels of one of their more able, ruthless and best-known

with many of his men and a large number of captives. Formerly the mayor of Chechenia's second town, Gudermes, Raduyev was shot in the head in mysterious circumstances at the weekend, according to some reports by members of a rival rebel group. He died in hospital in

man Raduyev — known as the "Lone Wolf" — who had led a large-scale assault in January on the town of Kizlyar in Dagestan. Raduyev's death robs the

beaders, who was aged just 28.
During the raid on Kizlyar,
2,000 people were taken hostage in a hospital. Raduyev
negotiated his way to the village of Pervomayskaya on Da-gestan's border with Chechenia, held the might of the Russian military at bay for a week and then escaped home



Legendary rebel . . . Salman Raduyev, the Lone Wolf who in January led the attack on Kizlyar, Dagestan, is reported to have been shot by rivals

sion transmitter interrupted Russian programmes and broadcast footage of the Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev saying that the administrative buildings in Grozny would be stormed.

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The rebels were stormed by the rebels had wanted by the rebels had wan said to have taken over the city's power station and to have blown up three tanks holding its water supply.

"With the coming of darkthe town of Urus-Martan.

At one point during yesterday's assault, a rebel televi
Hess, the situation has cials of the Moscow-backed become more difficult," said Chechen administration spoke of snipers in the centre.

points in separate districts of Grozny. The separatists made a determined and possibly successful attempt to penetrate to the city centre. Last night, offi-

based. One witness spoke of seeing three Russian armoured vehicles destroyed by Chechen rockets.

In one district, the rebels seized and set fire to a police station. Later, federal forces claimed to have surrounded fighters at the key Minutka roundabout and the bus station.

The rebels were also said to have tried to reach the airport, where federal troops are now thought to be in the city now thought to be in the city was estimated at up to 1,000. He said 25 members of the federal forces had been killed. The reporter said a numbe

of Chechen policemen supposedly loyal to Moscow had gone over to the rebel side. Russian forces were using "aviation" against the sepa-ratists, he added. The latest attack comes as

Speaking by telephone from refugees continue to flee the for Chechenia or talks with Grozny, a reporter for the Chechen village of Serno- General Dudayev.

vodsk, under Russian siege, and provides a gloomy background for today's national security council meeting.

Mr Yeltsin, who has been actively campaigning for re-election since February, has repeatedly spoken of the need for a settlement of the Che-

chen conflict, which has claimed 30,000 lives. But the Russian president

has ruled out withdrawing federal troops, independence

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COMEDY THEATRE

Rock turkey with all the trimmings - except beans

First night

Dan Glaister

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HE premiere of Tommy _ "A New Musical", was one of London Theatreland's big, schlocky events: stars, sequins and crash barriers combining to stop the traffic. Inside, Theatreland had been taken over by the Rockocracy, fake tans, the odd

medallion, even men in sunglasses thronged the foyer. Tommy, for those who have been elsewhere, is one of the prime examples of that 1960s turkey, the rock opera. A traumatised deaf, dumb 'n' blind boy finds freedom, truth, but not justice, through pinball Tommy becomes a 40-point bonus bell messiah, until the people move on. Fickle, fame.

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Not for Pete Townshend though. The guitarist and songwriter of The Who wrote this in 1969. Tommy grew up and became a concept album and Ken Russell film. Today, you can buy the CD-ROM.

Back then, Tommy was an anti-high art statement. Now, The 'Oo are the establishment and Pete's stage version of Tommy has run on Broadway. Regardless, it is the film that is familiar, and comparisons are difficult to avoid.

This is an energetic production, perhaps too energetic. Blink and you risk missing a whole scene. Go to the toilet and young Tommy will have

become teenage Tommy. The whole business gets off to an impressive start with a trademark Townshend power chord cutting through the chatter before the house lights

go down. A lengthy overture ensues until it becomes apper ent that the overture has finished and the whole thing is going at breakneck pace. Where the film had Roger Daltrey as Tommy and Ann-

Margret as Mummy, the stage has Paul Keating, the most celebrated shelf-stacker in the history of supermarkets, as Tommy, and Kim Wilde as Mum. Keating is impressive but there are only glimpses of him in the first half. Before that, Tommy is portrayed aged 4 and 10. You feel great sympathy for the small chil-

Flying in from the wings, Keating makes telling appearances as a sort of Tommy ex machina. He has an intensity and a lithe figure, although not the voice to match Daltrey. Still, his voice is not bad, which is more than can be said for most of the company.

Ian Bartholomew as Uncle Ernie, the part taken by Keith Moon in the film, has a good time doing a Leonard Rossiter impression, although thankfully he lacks Moon's menace. Nicola Hughes goes for an out and out imitation of Tina Turner as the Acid Queen and gets away with it. The star of

the show, however, is John Arnone's design. Gantry, video monitors, back projec tions and tinted photographs are all used to great effect. What everyone wants to

know about is the baked beans. Ann-Margret wallowed for all she was worth in a sea of baked beans. Would Kim Wilde do the same? Unfortunately, stage and screen parted on the bean scene. There were no beans, no chocolate sauce and no bubbles. There was a fun time though. The air guitar in the aisle confirmed that.

This review appeared in later

Thousands besiege Swan Hunter to seek work on new £50m contract

Waiting in line

DICK Gonsalez, the former electricians' union shop steward who led the trade union campaign to keep Swan Hunter alive, doubts if his face will fit with the new employers.

He feels more sorry for his brother, an identical twin. They were first in line, at 7am, for a recent job interview. They heard nothing. Tve been out of work

for 14 months and must have 200 applications out," said the man who employed his negotiating skills to galvanise a community into the "Save Our Swans" cam-paign. He feels his enthusiasm to preserve work at Swan Hunter might have cost him

future work.

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"At one local comany I couldn't even get in the main gate," said the former plumber and welder from North Shields, happy yesterday to celebrate the chance of new job opportunities for former workmates.

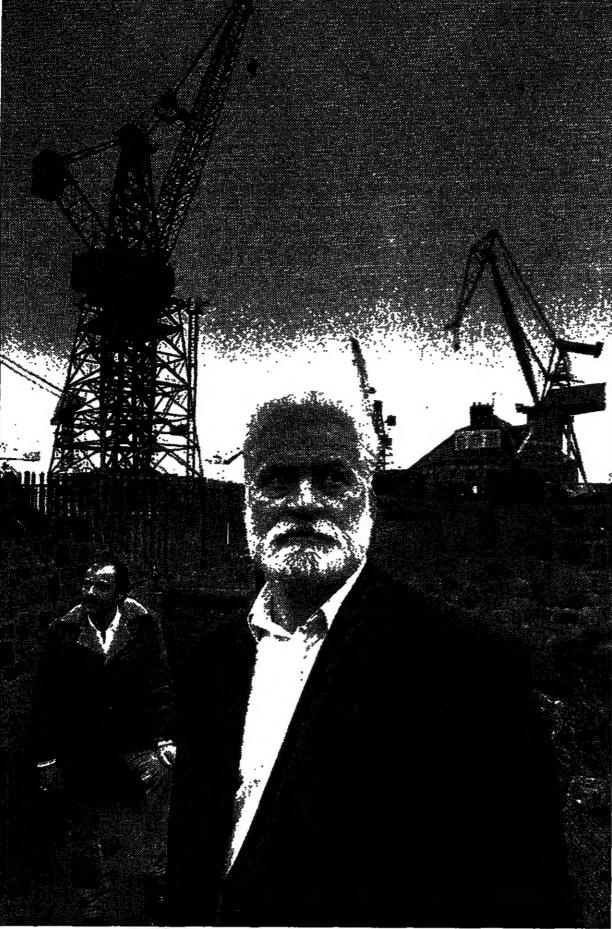


FORMER Swan Hunter draughtsman Peter Chapman (above) has watched the rising tide of hope for new jobs at the yard from his voluntary job in the Wallsend People's Centre. His work advising other ex-Swan Hunter employees about employment rights and opportunities was the only thing available after 23 years in the yard he joined from school, he said.

"I applied for over 100 jobs in the 12 months I was on the dole, and the only interview I got was for a union-related job," said the former MSF shou steward.

He has seen many skilled colleagues obtain work but some have had to go to Australia or the Far East. Six former Swan Hunter colleagues were working on the Solitaire in Singapore when the decision was made to move the contract to Swans, he said. They returned to Tyneside having lost several months' rent, paid in advance.

Other former Swan Hunter employees have been glad to come home from Europe in the hope of fresh work, he said. "The money they were getting paid isn't that great and doesn't really compensate them for their skills and being away from their homes and families."



Dick Gonsalez yesterday: "Twe been out of work 14 months and must have 200 applications out" PHOTOGRAPH TED DITCHBURN in Pakistan for a robust reply. | quashed a report by Richard | Ban Treaty later this year.

Rush for shipyard jobs

Martyn Haiseli

HOUSANDS of Tyne-siders, many of them jobless for several years, are besieging the onceyard and local job centres for one of the temporary 1,200 jobs on a new 250 million contract announced yesterday.

The yard, rescued at the last minute by a Dutch company nine months ago, and local employment services are try-ing to process at least 300 job itions a day. By last night more than 4,000 people, two-thirds of them former Swan employees, had applied. Applications, in an area where male unemployment is 16.4 per cent, started rolling in days ago when adverts appeared requesting specialist workers for an unnamed project. But several are known to have come from former em-

ployed for nearly three years. We would urge the new owners to consider seriously the skills and talents of for-

mer Swan workers."
Local union leaders halled the contract, for finishing the conversion of the world's biggest pipe-laying vessel, as sig-nalling the re-emergence of the 136-year-old Swan Hunter yard "like a phoenix rising from the ashes". The Wallsend-based yard

employed 2,400 people when it went into receivership in May 1993 after failing to win a helicopter carrier contract for the Royal Navy. It has a per-manent core staff of just 20. Now owned by the Dutch firm, THC, it won the contract for converting the Solitaire, a 1,158ft long vessel, against competition from Germany,

ployees working abroad, including the Far East.

Eddie Darke, co-ordinator of the campaign to save the the North Sea at the end of

yard, said: "Many have not this year, was being refitted in worked since the last ship left the yard in November 1994 was terminated last year completed, and the huge vec sel is now sailing to the Tyne.

"As Solitaire sails up the river next month, the sheer magnitude will without doubt remind people of the days past, when Swan Hunter was world-renowned for turning out major ships and specialised vessels," said Jan Vonder, Swan's project manager. "We expect the very best of those amployed to show the construction industry that Swan Funtager. try that Swan Hunter can again be a name associated

with first-class performance."
But he stressed the 1,200 jobs would be on a contract basis, with the bulk of the work completed by the end of the year. The company is now looking for other contracts. • Some 1,500 jobs are to be created at the MetroCentre in nearby Gateshead in a £50 million investment an-nounced by Capital Shopping

Family feud may put 'beat' author Kerouac on the road again

tan Katz in Lowell,

ORE than a quarter of a century after he died angry, unappreciated and almost certainly drunk, Jack Kerouac may be about to hit the road one last time.

In the latest round of a bit-Kerouac, has announced she wants to move his remains to his family burial plot in Nashua, New Hampshire.

The original "beat" author is buried alongside his third wife, Stella, in Lowell, the grimy town 20 miles south of brother in-law and executor Nashua where Kerouac was of his will, has flatly refused born and lived most of his Ms Kerouac's request. Tm

become something of a shrine to fans of the writer whose popularity has soared in

But Ms Kerouac, aged 44, claims that the author of On the Road belongs with his mother, father and brother in Nashua's St Louis de Gonzague Cemetery.

Such a move would be relatively straightforward, if it were not that Ms Kerouac is locked in a dispute over control of her father's estate with the family of his third wife, Stella Sampas.

John Sampas, Kerouac's

Mr Kereuac is not going any-where," his lawyer, Leticia Marques, told the Guardian. According to Ms Marques, Ms Kerouac's bid to move her father's remains is "just another tactic" in her battle for his father: "New Hampshire control of his estate, which in New Hampshire ... He cludes a vast archive of his

In Lowell and Nashua, Ker-ouac enthusiasts have been the last seven months I've furiously debating which heard from everyone. A few town was the writer's spiri- months ago they wanted to

life. His simple headstone has I willing to bet you money that I novels and in the Nashua cametery where his daughter would like to bury him. City, the mother of the Karouac-like character, Joey Martin, tells him as they bury wanted to come back to finish

writings. "She craves in death what she could not get from him in life which is an of Cemeterles, Thomas Belleaknowledgement that she was garde, is bemused by the lathis daughter." garde, is bemused by the lathis daughter." thal home. Though he wrote move him out West. You need extensively about the Massa- a score card to keep track of chusetts town, three of his what's going on out here."



Every time you bite into a Granny Smith apple, you are eating a clone: chances are, the apple tree that grew it was the descendant, by grafting, of the original mutant plant. Gardeners are inveterate cloners. All those carefully nurtured cuttings are clones: genetically identical replicas.

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Blair 'lookalike' Dorrell lines-up early challenge

Major nod to Patten starts jostle for job

OFIN Major's anoint ment of former Con-servative party chair-man, Chris Patten, as his heir apparent last night threatened to re-open the wounds of last year's leadership contest as candidates from the left and right began manoeuvring to succeed the Prime Minister.

The Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, is already lining up to become the leadership candidate of the moderate Conservatives if, as ex-pected, the Government's defeat next year iriggers the decisive battle for the future direction of the Tory party. Mr Dorrell, who yesterday unveiled an action plan to tackle the acute shortage of emergency hospital beds, be-lieves that neither the Chan-cellor. Kenneth Clarke, nor

cellor. Kenneth Clarke, nor the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine — whom some Tories believe will step down at the election -- will be able to maximise the moder-

most of the 1980s, is quietly field wide open. Mr Patten is making friends and seeking unlikely to be an MP, let to neutralise the NHS as a alone a candidate, unless Mr Labour election issue.

Every Tory candidate chogets a welcoming letter from him. "Stephen would be a very

strong candidate," one sup-porter said last night. "He's much leaner and fitter and doesn't carry Clarke's bag-gage on Europe," said an-other. Some Tories believe their colleagues would see Mr their coneagues would see Mr Dorrell — a year younger than Tony Blair, but an MP for longer — as the ideal "loo-kalike" to beat the Labour

The Defence Secretary. thought to have the largest and best-funded organisation. including a database of all po-tential Tory MPs in the next parliament. He is anxious to regain rightwing ground lost during last summer's leader-ship challenge by John

Redwood.

Despite Mr Major's fulsome praise of Mr Patten, the Govable to maximise the moder-ate-to-mainstream vote.

The Health Sectretary, aged
44 this month, who was ig-nored by Lady Thatcher for

Major can hang on — as allies say he will try to do. Hong Kong sources insisted last night that Mr Patten is still undecided how to renew his public service career in mid-

1997 - too late for Britain's

general election. Rightwingers are worried about the direction in which a Patten-led Tory party would go. Senior backbencher John Conservative Party has now got to be led from the centre-right and, clearly, Chris Pat-ten is the centre-left."

And in an implicit warning to Mr Major, he added: "I Michael Portillo, is generally don't think it's possible for one leader to parachute his choice into the position of leader when he retires."

The conventional wisdom suggests the Tories will shift sharply to the right in defeat, which would damage Mr Dorrell, given his past support of the Tory Reform Group — who once admitted the attractions of the Social Democrats Others argue the right's ascendancy is exaggerated.

Letters, page 8; Hugo Young

Pakistan N-test 'ready'

AKISTAN is prepared and ready to conduct its first underground nuclear explosion if its traditional foe India goes ahead with its own plans for an United States intelligence sources said yesterday.

The intelligence reports evidence of growing US fears about an Asian nuclear arms race - came as a former army chief told the Guardian that the administrations of Ronald Reagan and George Bush ignored reports from US officials that Pakistan was developing a nuclear capability.

Ever since reports surfaced in November that India was making preparations for an nuclear ion at the western desert site of Pokharan, where its first test was conducted in

missed yesterday's reports as clearly part of an orches trated media campaign based on deliberate leaks of faulty intelligence" intended to dis-tract from India's actions.

US intelligence officials reportedly told the Washing-ton Post they have satellite pictures showing a Pakistani test shaft in the Chagai hills being cleaned up.

The area was linked to Pakistan's nuclear programme as early as the 1970s. and for many years, Washing ton was privy to the country efforts to acquire a bomb. General Mirza Aslam Beg

who as army chief was in charge of Pakistan's nuclear programme in the late 1980s, told the Guardian that the US deliberately overlooked evidence from its own officials that Islamabad had nuclear capability as early as 1987 to safeguard its cold-war interests.

However, a spokesman at Barlow, who was attached to akistan's foreign office dis-

"They said 'no' because George Bush had to certify before Congress that we did not have nuclear capability," Gen Russia had withdrawn from Afghanistan that they acrect. The whole perspective changed and American pressure started building up, and one fine morning in 1990 they announced that Pakistan had crossed the red line.

The general said US embassy officials were regularly briefed on the progress of Pakistan's nuclear programme. Although US officials said they did not believe that a test by either Pakistan or India is likely, yesterday's reports are

bound to increase tension. Much of the recent tension can be attributed to leaks in the US press, viewed in India and in Pakistan as part of US efforts to secure the passage

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IRA wants

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Row between police and intelligence service on Docklands bomb ● Chilling warning of terrorists' long-term plans



Gerry Adams says he was told by one IRA leader: 'We sued for peace, the **British wanted** war. If that's what they want we will give them another 25 years of war'



Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble and colleagues after yesterday's talks on elections in the province

Bombers 'made dummy run during ceasefire'

"dummy run" nearly a month before the South Quay bombing, it emerged yesterday. This would indi-cate that plans to end the ceasefire were well under way before the Government's negative response to the Mitchell report, which had been seen as a factor in the

the police and intalligence services about their respec-tive roles surfaced. While publicly both sides maintain that the relationship is working well, privately the police have indicated reservations about MI5's intelligence-gathering abilities in relation to

the South Quay bombing.
Commander John Grieve,
head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said yesterday that it was now known that the lorry used for the attack on Februresumption of the bombing. ary 9 had first come to the packed with explosives and Details were released as mainland on January 15. It is returned to the mainland.

Strangaer by ferry from delivered its report on Janu wise empty lorry would not Larne in Northern Ireland, ary 24 and recommended that arouse suspicion. The trailer and was driven down to London and back the following The implication is that the lorry was not packed with ex-

being used for a dummy run to see whether it would be stopped and searched. It is believed that the vehicle, made up of the stolen parts of three lorries, was then driven back to Ireland,

plosives at this stage but was

mand for the IRA to hand over arms before talks began. The Government side-stepped the issue by concentrating on the need for new elections in Northern Ireland.

Mr Grieve yesterday appealed for information about a four-wheeled trailer which police found in Rover Road, Barking, east London. It was carried by the bomb lorry on the day of the attack and police believe it may have

police the lead responsibility for countering IRA terrorism on the mainland cribed as home made MI5 did warn Scotland Yard painted red and may have had at the end of last year about what sources called "deteriorating morale" among hard-liners in the IRA leadership. But Mi5 sald it was impossithe registration 5157BI or

Security sources, meanwhile, are rejecting police claims that MI5 suggested the coded warnings about the South Quay bomb were a hoax. The sources say it is not MI5's job to assess bomb warnings. They suggest that police criticism reflects cess four years ago in wrench-ing from the Metropolitan

growing opposition to the ceasefire within the IRA leadership which had been evident since last November. Security sources also say that the IRA's counter-intelligence measures, including the use of "clean skins" - activists with no past record — makes effective surveillance difficult

ble to predict when the cease

say that MI5 underestimated

The security services be-lieve there are about 400 active members of the IRA on both sides of the border. Deciarmy council are passed down in discreet meetings in the backs of cars or buses, or in pubs in border areas.

Orders are then passed to "sleepers" on the mainland,

David Sharrock and Patrick Winter HE IRA wants to end

its campaign of vio-lence and pursue its objective of ending British sovereignty in Ireland through political means but is prepared for 25 more years of war, Gerry Adams claimed

IRA leaders told him that they were prepared to restore the ceasefire, he asserted, but were committed to continuing the absence of a viable alternative".

In an article for the New York-based Irish Voice newspaper, the Sinn Fein presi-dent described some of what took place when he and the nationalist SDLP leader, John Hume, met the IRA leadership last week. His memory of the meeting

produced a detailed summary of what IRA leaders told him had influenced their decision to first call the ceasefire in August 1994 and then end it last month.

The account, brim-full of the tensions which sur-rounded republican state-ments in the run-up to the declaration of the 1994 cease-fire, claims that the credibilfire would break down. However, sources in the Royal Ulster Constabulary ity of the IRA army council had been put on the line by its cessation decision. The British were finally seen to have been "waging war by other means" and seeking to split

> John Bruton, was accused of making "no significant at-tempt" to advance an Irish agenda in Ireland, in Britain or internationally. This had undermined the basis on which the ceasefire had been based — that a "pan-national-ist alliance" of Dublin, the SDLP, Sinn Fein, and Irish America would act as pres-sure on Britain and the Unionists in place of the IRA

campaign.

Mr Adams said that one or two IRA leaders graphically spelt out their commitment. "We sued for peace, the Brit-ish wanted war. If that's what another 25 years of war." said

But in an ominous sign that the IRA will not sign up to the conditions for getting Sinn Fein a place at the talks on June 10. a representative also said: "There will be no surrender of IRA weapons under any circumstances and to anyone. We will accept no

preconditions whatsoever A further comment illustrates one of the peace process's most intractable contradictions. "We pursue armed struggle because of conditions in the six counties [Northern Ireland] and the British claim to sovereignty

"We know the conflict has to be ended but this requires real peace settlement. In that context we can live with the pursuance of republican objectives through unarmed political or social struggle

Meanwhile, the Ulster Unionists yesterday ended Unionists yesterday ended their first set of intensive talks on elections with Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, by predicting ministers would be unable to complete the process by their deadline of Thursday part small.

The Unionists' remarks make it more likely that the Prime Minister, John Major, will have to risk imposing an election system on the Union

ist parties, which are divided on choice of a voting system. In his one hour meeting with Sir Patrick, the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimthe IRA.
The Irish prime minister ble, also appeared to have failed to patch up his personal relations with Sir Patrick, which nosedived after he accused the Unionists of seeking clandestine deals as the price of their support for the Government in the Scott dehate last week.

"I can't say Sir Patrick did anything to mend fences," Mr Trimble said. The talks were held in London after the Ulster Unionists refused to meet in Belfast in the presence of the Irish foreign minister Dick Spring

Ian Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionists.

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Lottery drops guarantee of £10 for three numbers

three winning numbers in the National Lottery will no longer be guaranteed a £10 prize, it was announced last night.

Peter Davis, the director general of the National Lottery, insisted the rule change was minor and a clarification of the contractual rights of players.

people a week — not being players landing on the

It would only happen when the number of players matching three of the winning balls and claiming £10 exceeded the total mount in that week's prize fund, which is usually more than £30 million.

Mr Davis described that

ator, said the likelihood of the £10 prize — usually won by more than 1 million people a week — not being the saire and the lottery has already thrown up the ILEAR OF TAG double rollovers in successive weeks and if the £10 prize was suspended. entire prize fund for that week would be equally di-vided between all winning tickets. Those matching six numbers would receive the same prize as those with three numbers.

ual rights of players. Mr Davis described that Camelot, the lottery operas an "unlikely circumfect from March 17.

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Milan design duo mix sex and style

Susannah Frankel sees a fashion high

HIS season marks the 10th anniversary of It-aly's most famous design duo Dolce & Gabbana. Partners in real as well as fashion life. Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana have made clothes for stars as diverse as Madonna and

Tom Cruise.

Not bad considering

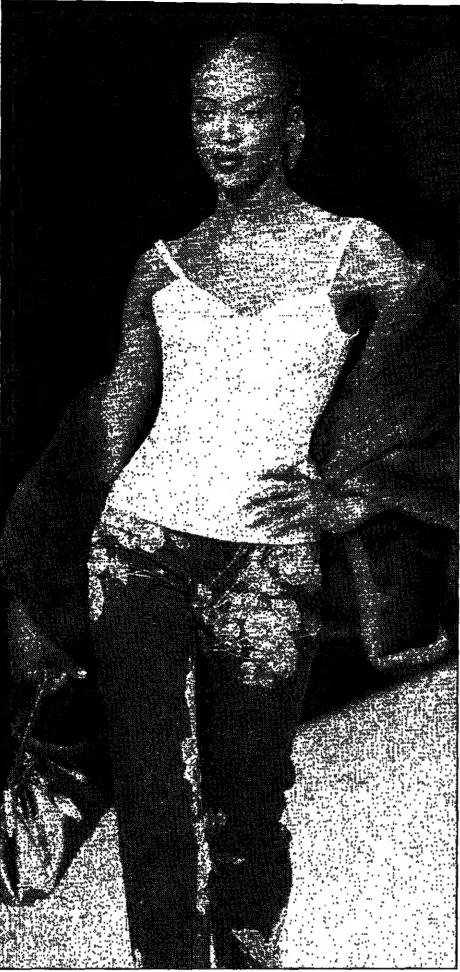
Dolce started out cobbling clothes together from scraps of cloth on his tailor scraps of cloth on his tailor father's workshop floor and the company originally operated from a small Milan apartment from where they sold their designs to friends.

Inspired by Italian starlets of the 1950s, Dolce & Gabbana are famous for their curve tailoring and

their curvy tailoring and hour-glass black dresses. In celebration of voluptuous women, they have a shrine to the corset in their Milan

When they first hit the big time, their favourite model was actress Isabella Rossellini.

As well as the main line collection, there is now the younger D & G and frayounger D & G and fra-grances for men and women. Yesterday's show, a high point at Milan fashion week, was delayed for 45 minutes by Woody Allen and his adopted daughter, Soon Yi, who were escorted in by an army of security gnards. Strangely, the audimix of Hollywood glamour and blatantly trashy sexuality. Models with Gracs Kelly hair-dos and bright red lipstick strode down the cat-walk in 1950s-style swing coats, scattered with roses worn over skin-tight leop-ard print trousers or the rate print rousers of the pair's signature corsetry. The book was completed by high heels, peep-tood plat-forms and handbags. The collection was at once funny, feminine and sexy.



Judge sends man to Rampton and calls for community care inquiry

Schizophrenic freed to kill mother and brother

PARANOID schizophrenic who discharged himself from hospital and then stabbed his mother and younger half-brother to death was yesterday sent to Ramp-ton secure hospital for an indefinite period.

Anthony Smith, aged 24, de nied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter by reason of diminished respon-sibility at Nottingham crown court, not far from the Derby-shire village of Sandiacre where the tragedy took place

where the tragedy took place last August.

Mr Justice Latham asked for a painstaking investigation into the case, in spite of an internal review by Southern Derbyshire mental health NHS trust which found no evidence of major break-

downs in care.

An independent panel headed by John Wood, former professor of law at Sheffield university, is about to start work and will focus on medical treatment and the level of sup-port offered to Smith's worried

family before the killings.

The hearing was told that
Smith had volunteered to be being diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. After a month he discharged himself, with



Anthony Smith, aged 24, and his mother, Gwendoline

and at home had refused to take medication shortly before using a Bowie knife and an iron bar to kill and muti-late his victims.

His mother, Gwendoline, aged 48, and his father, Peter. an accountant aged 47, had expressed concern at looking after him when his condition appeared to be worsening. The judge said the case pre-

sented "in startling nature the nightmare those who care



case where the circumstances of this young man's release into the community, and perhaps more importantly the circumstances of the care he was given in the community, will have to be looked at with great care."

John Warren QC, prosecuting, said that Smith had bickered with his mother on the morning of August 8, and

told police that he felt "possessed by demons and voices telling him to kill his mother. He felt she was conspiring against him to make him leave the house. He just went berserk, stabbing his mother and his 11-year-old half-brother. David, who unfortunately came upon the scene when the defendant was at-tacking his mother," said Mr Warren.

The court heard Smith then went to the local medical centre, telling the receptionist: "I have killed my mother and

my brother."

Peter Joyce, QC, defending, said: "It is quite clear from reports that Anthony was a very sick young man before he went into hospital and a very sick young man when he was discharged."

Mr Smith said after the

Mr Smith said after the hearing that he had known that his son was a "ticking timebomb". He and his daughter, Hayley, aged 20, are considering legal action against Derby City general hospital and medical staff.

Andy Clayton, medical di-rector for the trust, said that its review had found no major breakdowns in care, but it had stengthened its risk as sessment system and would be "very ready to learn" from had become increasingly be "very ready to learn" from paranoid after she told him the results of the independent that he ought to be undergo- inquiry.

Asylum rules 'to deter refugees'

Owen Bowestt

EWLY-imposed social security rules aimed at denying most asylum seekers welfare benefits are an illegal attempt to deter rafugees from seeking sanctu-ary in Britain, the High Court was told yesterday.

The challenge by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Im-

migrants comes amid reports that up to 300 refugees have arrived in this country and been refused benefits since the rules were changed a

month ago.

Those who did not claim asylum at point of arrival as required by the regulations
— have been handed blankets forced to sleep in churches or

Blake, QC, for the joint coun-cil and a Zairean rafugee known only as Ms B, accused the Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, of misdirecting himself and acting outside his powers when he introduced the new regulations last the new regulations last

The ban will affect around 30,000 immigrants a year who claim asylum after they have been in Britain for some time. They will be denied income support, housing benefit and other websare provisions. The change was expected to save the Government £200 million

a year. The case of Ms B illustrated the predicament now facing new arrivals, Mr Blake said. A 25-year-old woman who fled Zaire on February 7 after escaping forms and predicate of the said of the sai caping from security forces

Arriving via the Channel months of waiting for their Tunnel at Waterloo station appeals to be heard, said Mr from Brussels, she went Blake. straight to the Home Office's

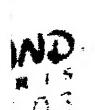
and hence it was too late. "Her point of entry was supposedly as soon as she disembarked at Waterloo," Mr Blake said. Was she supposed

Refugee organisations have immigration unit at Croydon where she claimed political asylum. But she was told she was already in the country a junior minister, specifically had no intention that: "asylum seekers will be on

the streets."
The issue had become furto have surrendered betself to a ticket inspector, he asked. ther confused by the Depart-ment of the Environment The denial of benefits was promising local authorities inconsistent with the purpose of social security legislation Hammersmith and Fulham to deter asylum seekers, in breach of Britain's obligations under the UN Comments. tions under the UN Convention on Refugees, he said.

The minister had not suggested how genuine applications are the many from the legal action of the legal action.

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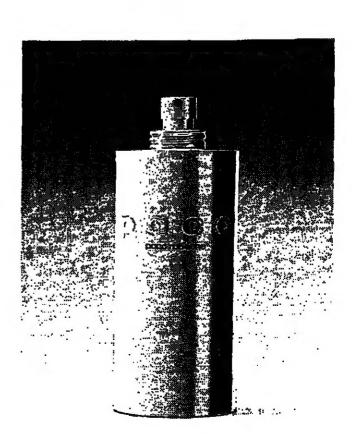




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As China prepares to begin its threatening missile tests tomorrow, US state department says 'constructive engagement' has failed

Nervous Taiwan invokes Blitz spirit

in Hong Kong

ittery Taiwanese hoarded food and swapped currency for gold ahead of Chinese missile tests tomorrow. Taiwan's military has summoned memories of Britain's victory in the second world war and the failure of Nazi rockets to dent morale.

As the defence ministry in Tainei issued a statement as serting that missiles had never won a war and military officials went on television to appeal for calm, the foreign ministry yesterday called on the United States for help.

A pro-communist newspaper in Hong Kong. Wen Wei Po, said a week-long round of Chinese missile tests on mainland-Taiwanese relatives.

ade" by the People's Libera-tion Army and marked the start of preparations for a "total blockade" of Taiwan. It said Chinese rockets could fly over Taipei, the cap-

ital, and other cities on their way to "splash zones" near

Keelung and Kaohsiung, Taiwan's two biggest ports. China, which hopes to frighten Taiwanese into vot-ing against President Lee Teng-hui in elections on 23 March, is expected to test-fire M-class missiles, a variant of the Scud rockets used during the Gulf war. The tests are part of gargantuan military manoeuvres involving over

15,000 troops.
"If this was done to any other country it would be a

never been so bad. This is al-ready a blockade. How much further China goes now de-pends on the United States." Washington's China policy.

seems set to unravel further.
In a startling admission of failure, the US state department yesterday demolished a central pillar of President Clinton's policy, reporting that expanded trade and economic reform had done path nomic reform had done nothing to soften repression. An annual report on human

rights presents a catalogue of abuses that challenges the Clinton administration — as well as Britain and other European governments — to review the contention that economic engagement with China is not only profitable mote basic rights. Taiwanese authorities,

Deng 'in good health and spirits', says daughter

health and spirits as suc-cessors tackle his blueprint for a socialist market economy and a unified mother-

"Though he is not present

nerves as the central bank intervened heavily to defend the currency. Military offi-cials said the missiles China intends to fire will be un-armed and fitted with self-destruct mechanisms to prevent death and damage in the event of a misfire. They with-drew an earlier threat to retaliate if missiles fall inside Taiwan's territorial waters. Officials said the defence min-

DENG XIAOPING, chief for this session, he is ex-architect of China's tremely concerned with this market reforms, is in good congress," daughter Xiao health had worsened. Rong said during Tuesday's opening ceremony of the National People's Congress, China's parliament.
Ms Xiao's account contra-

dicted recent reports from

tines." she said. — Reuter. "Taiwanese people should | election-year Washington, unity. We should show them | that Beljing is more a potenwhether or not Taiwan wants to be bullied. Don't be scared by these threats," said President Lee at a campaign stop. Beijing resumed its polem-ics against President Lee, de-riding him as a "sweet-talk-ing chameleon" bent on independence for Taiwan.

Ms Xiao acknowledged some problems. "His legs aren't so good, but he is very active in physical exercise and makes up his own rou-

tial enemy than a partner. The new state department report says China has silenced nearly all dissent and stepped with the real number "signifi cantly higher" than the 1.100 reported. Executed inmates have become a "primary China's sabre-rattling adds further weight to a view gathsource of organs for trans plant in China".

by human rights groups, who have been bitterly critical of a 1994 decision by President Clinton to uncouple human rights concerns from China's status as a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) trading part-ner. "We applaud this late acknowledgement by the state department that putting all official hopes in economic reform to improve rights in China is a non-starter," said Robin Munro, director of Human Rights Watch Asia in Hong Kong. "There is less space for political debate in

China now than at any time since the Tiananmen Square massacre: that is the record of a policy of engagement."
"There is hardly a vocal dissident left standing in China now." said Mr Munro. "Since Clinton decoupled rights and trade, virtually everyone has been arrested,

entenced to prison or other-

wise silenced. There is no dissident movement left and worst for years."

China dismisses the West's professed concern for human rights as a part of a plot to slow its emergence as a great power. In a speech to China's legislature on Tuesday, the prime minister. Li Peng, acknowledged the parlous state of Sino-US relations but said: "This was completely created by unwise US policies towards China."

 Atlanta Olympic organisers said today they would not invite any world political leaders to this summer's Games, in an effort to head off any threat of a Chinese boy-cott. Last month Beijing warned they would make "a strong response" if Taiwan-ese leaders were invited.

Allies cautious as **US targets Tehran**

ngton, Kathy Evar in Tehran and

crease the isolation of Iran, citing its support of the Hamas terrorists responsible for the bombings in largel, de-Germany and other allies.

The secretary of state, Warren Christopher, began con-sulting European and Middle East envoys yesterday about against Tehran, even though direct Iranian involvement in the latest bombings.

"Hamas receives its greatest backing from Iran. It provides financial backing, tactical advice, and we see the Iranian hand in the conduct of the various terrorist groups," he said.

The proposals range from a probably vain attempt to get the United Nations or individual allies to impose sanctions to a new Middle Eastern summit. The US hopes to rally an anti-terrorist front, but is likely to win lip-service rather than joint action.

Britain and France verbally backed the US condemnation of Iran, and France called in the Libyan and Iranian ambaseadors yesterday to con-demn statements approving mate rights".

the bombings. The official Iranian news agency called them "divine retribution". and Libya's recalled that Muammar Gadafy had called

Palestine "a tomb for Jews". But France said it would act only in concert with its ASHINGTON is planning an intense diplomatic campaign to inhe isolation of Iran, its support of the tinue its policy of "critical di-alogue" with Tehran. The foreign minister. Klaus Kinkel, said his trip to Iran later this year was still on.

Washington has a policy of isolating "rogue states" — which include Iraq and Iran, North Kores, Libys and now Cuba — and expects the rest of the world to concur. But its attempts to force the rest of the world to follow it in isolating Cuba annoyed its allies.

The Iranian deputy foreign minister, Mohammed Javad Zarif, said his country fully denied the American accusations. Nevertheless, senior officials of Hamas's political office were received by Iran's senior vice president, Hassen Habibi, in Damascus just two days before the first bomb in

chief representative in Syria. The Iranian press reported Mr Habibi as saying that Iran supported "every Islamic and just move aimed at the resto-

Relations with America have become a hot issue in campaign, in which a number of candidates are arguing for improvements, provided that the US ends its outright

"If America tightens its sanctions, it will only undermine the liberal and moderate factions within the gov-ernment," a Western diplomat in Tehran said. Outwardly, Iran has op-posed the whole Middle Eastern peace process but the

Syria towards negotiations with Israel have put the leadership in a delicate position. President Hashemi Rafsanmade peace with Israel, Iran would respect that position. In London, an official said: 'We are not in favour of a policy of the complete isolation of Iran." The Government was anxious to maintain the EU's "critical dialogue" with Iran, and there was no hard evidence linking Tehran with the Hamas attacks in Israel.

In Washington, the White House said President Clinton was open to the idea of a Middle East summit to co-or-The Hamas delegation was Middle East summit to co-or-reportedly headed by Abu dinate a response to attacks Mohammed Mustapha, its simed at derailing the peace

process. Its spokesman, Mike McCurry, said: "What we have said is that there ought to be at the highest levels urgent attention to the question of how to combat terrorism."

Cash-strapped Iran dips its toe in democracy

Kathy Evans in Tehran

RAN'S 30 million voters go to the polls tomorrow in what is seen as the coun-try's first tentative step towards pluralistic politics.

It is a hesitant start. So strict are the election rules that the campaign has been almost invisible to many vot-ers. No politicians are out kissing bables or knocking on doors. Electioneering, rallies and loudspeaker vans have been banned. Political parties are still officially forbidden, and more than a third of the aspiring candidates were clergymen and legal experts for undisclosed reasons.

Those who remain have complained that the campaign period — less than a week — was too short. So stringent are the rules that the only opposition party, the Iran Freedom

Movement, is boycotting the poll. To add to voter confusion, a number of candidates are appearing on several lists.

The outcome of the elections is vital to President Ali
Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's ally, he is barred from a third term. If, however, he secures a majority in the new parlia-ment, which will be domi-nated by independent MPs, a constitutional amendment

may be possible. The jockeying for the presidential elections, still 18 months off, has begun. Conservative rivals, such as the Servative Trans, speaker, Nated Nouri, have begun their cam-paigns with extensive tours in the provinces.

Four main "lists" or groups are on offer to voters. The big issue of the campaign is the economy, in crisis after 17 years of revolutionary turmoil, indecision, US sanctions and international isolation. The debate has pitched the country's emerging techno-crats in a headlong confrontation with conservative and

leftwing groups.

In one corner is a group calling itself the Servants of Construction, sponsored by President Rafsanjani who is eager to open the country up to foreign investment and industrialisation. In the other revenues by the Combatant Clergymen's mented on Association, the bearded men in Tehran.

years ago and argue that social justice and the protection of Islam must come first.
"Enough prosperity"
screams a graffito on the Modaress highway in Tehran,
bearing the signature of Ansari Hezbollahi, Iran's most radical of all radical factions

Economists say that with the population due to double in the next 15 years, the country has to run to stand of industrialisation and a total opening to Western in-vestment will cure the economic woes, say experts. Western diplomats say an

industrialisation programme depends on three possible sources of funds. "They have to court either the West, or the three million Iranians living in exile, mostly in California, or the

millionaires of north Tehran

who hate the revolution.

'The D'Amato bill has aiready affected some 12 energy projects costing \$7 billion'

commented one economist.
But seeking such invest-ment could strengthen demands for political liberalisa-tion and a relaxing of the social codes, both unpalatable to the hardliners and religious conservatives.

Unfortunately, this turning point coincides with US efforts to strangle Iran's oil industry. efforts which look likely to be stepped up in the wake of the bombings in Israel which US officials say are Iranian-in-spired. A bill being promoted by New York senator Alfonse D'Amato would impose sanctions on any company — even non-American — which invests more than \$40 million (£26 million) in Iran's oil and

gas sector.
"The D'Amato bill is aimed at the big projects and the big boys. It has already affected some 12 major energy pro-jects costing \$7 billion, projects which could boost Iran's revenues by a quarter." commented one Western analyst

Over 200 Palestinians held

WO million Palestinians are under siege, as Is-raeli and local security forces widen their huge manhunt for activists of the Islamist movement. Hamas. A senior Israeli commander in the West Bank said the Israeli army and the Palestin-

day in separate operations. Israeli troops, ordered to ar-rest Palestinians who leave their home districts, relaxed the curfew for a few hours last night to allow people to shop as food supplies ran low.
The Palestinian territories

ian police had detained more

than 200 suspects since Tues-

day, security forces have launched their biggest cam-paign against Islamist institu-tions and activists. Among those arrested was Mohammed Abu Wardeh, the self-confessed recruiter of three of the suicide bombers, who between them slaugh-tered 44 people. He told Palestinian radio on Tuesday he was a member of the Hamas military wing, and that he now regretted his part in the

Yesterday, a Palestinian court in Jericho sent Wardeh to prison for life with hard

have been sealed since Hamas I labour. The sentence was suicide bombers killed nearly authorised by President Yasser Arafat. In Israel, an Arab appeared 60 people. Since the last bombing, in Tel Aviv on Mon-

> Gaza Strip to the heart of Tel Aviv in his lorry, allegedly for about £750. In Gaza, Palestinian troops and police raided the Islamic University, a Hamas stronghold, in an apparent search for weapons and documents,

in court accused of smuggling a suicide bomber from the

as well as mosques and Israeli forces launched similar raids on Islamic colleges

in Hebron and in Abu Dis. on the outskirts of Arab East Jerusalem, and ordered them to shut indefinitely.



A Palestinian girl, confined by curfew to her home in Al Fawah refugee camp near Hebron, peers out at a world under Israeli army siege

News in brief

Nato steps up role in Bosnia

Nato ambassadors yesterday agreed to offer closer co-operation to the civilian UN peace mission in Bosnia by allowing the I-FOR military force st in guarding suspected mass graves, arresting listed war criminals and resettling refugees, Stephen Bates in Brussels and Julian Borger in Sarajevo write.

anwhile in the Sarajevo suburbs tension surfaced between Bosnia's Muslims and Croats, after Croat police attempted to seize a police station in a Sarajevo suburb as it was about to be handed over to the government. After a night of tense negotiations, French Nato troops

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and UN police persuaded the ! by Cuban MiGs last month 22-strong Croat police force to withdraw from the Sarajevo suburb of Hadzici, minutes before the arrival of a multiethnic police force, averting a possible confrontation.

Minister indicted

The former chief minister of the Delhi regional govern-ment Madanlal Khurana was charged yesterday in a 865 million rupee (£12.4 million) corruption scandal, becoming the 25th politician indicted in a case that has forced seven cabinet ministers to resign. - AP.

Crime of passion

French police said yesterday they believed teenage love rivalry motivated a young couple to stab to death a schoolboy, aged 16, whose body was found buried beneath the patio of a villa east of Paris, writes Alex Dubal Smith in Paris. The couple have confessed to the killing.

Cuban 'terrorism' The Cuban foreign minister, Roberto Robaina, told a special meeting of the United Nations General Assembly yesterday that the Cuban ex-

organisation".

He condemned new legislation intended to tighten the 35-year US economic embargo

Court in the act

A Pittsburgh lawyer prosecut-ing a man in two robbery cases began dating the man's girlfriend and sent him to jail to remove romantic competition", a judge ruled. Thomas Balenger, who is serving 5-10 years, will now get a new trial. - AP.

Election deaths

At least seven people were killed and more than 150 in-jured in clashes during voting in two northern districts of Bangladesh yesterday, writes Arshod Mahmud in Dhaka. Witnesses said three people were shot dead in Rajgang, in the northern Sirajgang district, when police fired on demonstrators opposed to new polling in some constituencies where voting in last month's general election was

suspended.
Meanwhile more than 100 were injured when opposition activists tried to disrupt a ile organisation whose two rally of the prime minister, light aircraft were shot down Khaleda Zia.

ian Black reports from the emirate on its the Holocaust museum in Jecumpaign for the return of Saddam's PoWs obligatory stop for foreign campaign for the return of Saddam's PoWs

ing as overworked offi-cials put the final touches to a high-profile attempt to keep alive the memory of 600 fellow-countrymen missing tionalities—represent both a since the Iraqi occupation, and to secure the freedom of any who are still alive.

Nothing else matters at the

Committee for Missing and Pows' Affairs, the combined administration, shrine and lobbying centre for this most painful of the Gulf war's

legacies.
"People need to know whether their children are alive or dead." says its administrator, Badr Ahmad, "Kuwait is a very small country. We don't have much nightlife, or mountains, or rivers. We stay at home and watch TV. So when we lose someone we really miss them." Current efforts are focused on London where a star-stud-

ded VIP cast led by George

IGHTS are burning late | day conference to show soli-in a Kuwait office build- | darity and keep the flame flickering. For, five years after the lib-

personal loss and unfinished political business as Saddam Hussein continues to defy United Nations resolutions. Iraq is required to free the prisoners or account for their fate before the oil sanctions

crippling its economy can be lifted. But Kuwait and its allies insist that Baghdad's attitude remains obstructive. Internationally, the prison ers are overshadowed by the issue of weapons of mass destruction being monitored by the UN: for the Kuwaitis it is both a highly emotional issue and a stick they use to beat

Iraq and hold off pressure for easing sanctions.
The NCMPA HQ has none of the inertia that affects so many offices in Arab capitals. "We are the only people in Bush and Margaret Thatcher Kuwait who work day and meet on Tuesday for a two-night," Mr Ahmad says. Like

Kuwait keeps faith with missing sons

Money at least is no prob-lem for this oil-rich country. The families of the missing are well looked after by the last real welfare state in the world, health and education are free, and their full salaries are paid as if they were

still at work.

Kuwaitis believe the prisners are alive and being kept by Iraq as a bargaining chip. "We know Saddam's ways, insists the deputy chairman of the NCMPA, Sultan al-Khalaf, whose 14-year-old son was taken by the Iraqis in August 1990 and has not been seen or heard of since.
"Maybe they are not all

alive, but Iraq would not have negotiated for two years if they didn't have any prison-ers." Privately, Western countries believe the prisoners were probably executed during the post-war uprising in southern iraq, and that President Saddam is string-ing the world along to avoid having to admit to another

So far the Iraqis have admitted only to taking 128 pris

oners, but claim that they and their records disappeared during allied bombing. No-one believes them: Ireq is a highly centralised bureaucracy where documents are routinely copied to Baghdad. A technical subcommittee

meets monthy under Red Cross auspices in no man's land near the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr. Iraq's six repre-sentatives, who always in-clude two representatives of the secret service, play a time-wasting game.
"It's like with the

weapons," says one diplomat. that the case should be heard "How many full, frank and by the constitutional court.

complete declarations can you have? Why should we be-lieve their fifth account when the previous four have all A Kuwaiti convert to Christianity, Hussein Qamber Ali, aged 45, appeared in court yesterday to answer the first charge of

apostasy brought in the emirate. He stands to lose marriage, inheritance and other rights, and could be murdered with impunity by a Muslim if found guilty. The court will decide on April 17 on his plea



"No one should be blonde. No one should have fun. Fun is a gendered concept." Would I like to go up to Birmingham and say this? Not really, thanks. Suzanne Moore

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Domestic woe blunts German

lan Traynor in Bertin

ethnic German in Russia.

The 2,500-mile trek has ended not without disappointment. "The hostel's terrible. It's all gypsies and Bosnian refugees and Poles, drinking every night, making a racket. There are only three real Germans there."

Increasingly desperate to revive his political fortunes, Oskar Lafontaine, the Social

concerned with repairing his-torical damage and covering up a crime which no post-war "There's no doubt that German Social Democrats offer aid and acceptance. But the burning houses show that the readiness to take them in is not unlimited," he told an alertian vally last week. government dared to admit.
"This is an opportunity to examine the limits of civil service responsibility in administrative crimes and election rally last week.
Liberals, moderates, and

Although the Lyon SS chief.
Klaus Barbie, was jailed for life for crimes against humanity, the only Frenchman to receive a similar sentence was Paul Touvier, leader of the Lyon French pro-Nazi militia.

The most significant reason for speeding up the judicial process. Last year, the Gaullist leader swept aside Mr Mitterrand's reluctance by condemning Vichy as an evil and criminal regime and demanding an end to judicial delays.

This is an opportunity to examine the limits of civil service responsibility in administrative crimes and would provide lessons and guidance for today and the future," he said.

But the Nazi-hunting law-yer, Serge Klarsfeld, who has pursued Mr Papon since the

case was opened, pointed out that the affair was not solely

they see as his dangerous demagogy, and it has sparked an impassioned debate.

But, with his eye on three key state polls in a formight's time, he shows no sign of letting up on the rabble-rousing. more often seen as the pre-serve of the far right.
"This is the kind of talk I would have expected from the

would have expected from the neo-Nazis, but coming from the Social Democrats it is really shocking, dangerously playing with the politics of envy," says Johann Schoepf, a Berlin social worker and legal expert who has been working with immigrants for the past 10 years.

The ethnic German diaspora in eastern Europe, which goes back to the middle ages

goes back to the middle ages and stretches from the Bal-kans to Siberia, has been up-rooted since the collapse of communism six years ago. Up to two million of them have poured into Germany since

Under the blood and soil sentiment that governs the regulation of German nationality and citizenship, they and their offspring are constitutionally guaranteed a German nationally guaranteed a German new part of the sentiment of the sen

senior political leader to ques-tion this axiom, confident that his claimed defence of jobs, pensions, housing and the welfare state against the incomers chimes well with the mood among a public in-creasingly fretful about its living standards.

Seven out of 10 Germans seven out of 10 Germans agree with his drive and want the influx severely curbed or ended, according to an opinion poll today from the weekly newspaper Die Woche: a view likely to be reinforced by yesterday's official unemployment figure of cial unemployment figure of more than 11 per cent or al-most 4.3 million, a post-war record

Hard road to convergent

blood claims

OMAN KVIRIN has just exchanged the barren criminalised wasteland of Russia's Ural mountains for six square yards of an immigrants' hostel in Berlin, hoping for a new life in the homeland he had never known in a lifetime of persecution and hardship as an cution and hardship as an ethnic German in Russia.

mans there."

But the lure of the West remains irresistible. "Of course it's still much better here than there. It's so dangerous, it's impossible to live there, and here at least there are some prospects. I'm in a much better frame of mind."

Mr Kvirin, aged 58, does not know it — his German is rudimentary and his grasp of national politics here undeveloped — but he and the other 220,000 ethnic Germans who moved from the former

who moved from the former Soviet Union to Germany last year have just become a

Democrat opposition leader, has just lashed out at the tide of ethnic German immigra-tion from former communist Europe, seeking a scapegoat for the country's soaring un-employment rates in the hapless hordes of settlers arriv-ing by the week from the east.

German nationalists alike have been appalled by what page 11

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camp near Paris are being used by the prosecution to show that he deserved hotes of congratulation from the Naxis for his efficiency.

The public prosecutor, Jean Defos du Rau, told judges that Mr Papon, a career civil servant, was totally involved in anti-Jewish operations and

The election of Jacques Chirac as president has been the most significant reason

paigns, was shot dead in 1993 by a lone avenger.

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'Scapegoat' . . . A 1991 picture of the man in the dock after a 50-year wait, Maurice Papon. Right, civil plaintiffs in the caseon the steps of the courthouse yesterday Final judgment hangs over Vichy

An ex-minister accused of crimes against humanity claims he is a victim of a Jewish plot, writes **Paul Webster** in Bordeaux

The former minister refused to attend yesterday's in camera hearings but outlined his defence in a long intended his defenc

MONG the plaintiffs, lawyers and journalists waiting for ludges to start a sy hearing that could cardiet former cable.

Shitinsky could only think of a personal tragedy as the case started yesterday.

"I can't take my mind off my little neighbour, Bernard, who I used to walk to school. ists waiting for judges to start a three-day hearing that could send a Gaullist former cabinet minister, Maurice Papon, for trial for wartime crimes against humanity, his most resolute opponent could at last feel that a 50-year mission

rapped

s its toe

cracy

was nearing an end. Michal Slitinsky was 17 in 1942 when he escaped across Bordeaux's rooftops as French police moved to arrest Jews. including most of his own family, who died in Ger-

man deeth camps.
Nearly 40 years later, after a painstaking investigation, the Communist Resistance worker published secret docuresign as budget minister to face allegations of responsi-bility for the deportation of 1,690 Jews, including 223

Using his journalist's training. Mr Slitinsky profited from a further 15 years of ju-dicial delays to dig up piles of new evidence to add to 26 volimes being outlined to judges by 18 prosecution lawyers representing 33 families.

But while the Papon affair is generally seen as the last chance for a definitive public judgment on Philippe Petain's collaborationist regime, Mr

who I used to walk to school, hand-in-hand," he said. "He was gassed to death after a deportation order signed by Maurice Papon. Bernard was

five years old." Despite an impressive pile of documents signed by Mr Papon — now 85 — while handling Jewish affairs in Bordeaux, the hundreds of

My little neighbour Bemard, aged five, was gassed after a deportation order signed by Papon

family tragedies they cover are still likely to be sub-

The judges may take months to decide whether Mr Papon — who was Paris police chief at the time of massacres of Algerians in 1961 during the Algerian was should be cheered of war. plicity in the Holocaust be-

newspaper claiming the status of a scapegoat and a victim of an international plot by Jewish organisations.
"I don't see any problems with putting Victory on trial. I just don't want it to be on my head," he added, describing himself as an unimportant provincial official powerless to stop Nazi orders.

But documents, some of them in Mr Papon's handwrit-ing, giving French police orders to round up named Jewish families and send them to Drancy concentration camp near Paris are being

knew perfectly well that dewould be sent to German concentration camps

lic prosecutor's ruling after a 15-year investigation would automatically result in an assize court trial but the history of the Papon affair and his advanced age has left con-siderable doubt over whether

he will ever be tried. Throughout his 14 years in François Mitterrand, a Vichy official in 1942, put pressure on a compliant judiciary to delay trials of collaboration-

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Wanted: the vision thing

Dole only stands a chance if Clinton blunders

after surviving no less than three sepa-True, Mr Dole had come unstuck in 1988 after a similar early defeat in New Hampshire, but then he was running against the Vice-President. This time he the three challengers - of a well-loaded campaign chest. Millionaire Steve Forbes was the exception who may still do some damage in New York State. But in a week's time Mr Dole should have clinched it in the real Super Tuesday. His change of fortune has already been signalled by the gingerly decision of Newt Gingrich to clarify, at last, his support for the "close friend" whom he previously kept at electoral distance.

But one thing has not changed since 1988: Mr Dole still fails to convey a wisp of that much prized presidential commodity - the vision thing. When asked on Tuesday to lay out his plans for the future, he gave a memorable promise to "sit and down and talk about (it)" when the election was over. Republicans may vote for him because he is there, but such vacuous language will not win over many of the undecided. Mr Dole Yesterday in New York, he was pitching for the liberal vote in today's vote, | may commit rather than any brilliance and even brought himself to describe | from Bob Dole.

THE SENATOR from Kansas has won a | federal walfare payments as "a very famous victory. Bob Dole rides again important programme" for the young, after surviving no less than three sepa-disabled and jobless. Mr Dole has in his rate ambushes from fellow Republican long career managed to move from contenders. His triumphant sweep being regarded as an arch-rightwinger through the biggest primary day so far to portraying himself as a "conserva-should not really have been unex-tive tinged with compassion." But he pected. Early upsets in primaries are a has been much more successful in runtradition, but none of the principal ning the Senate than running for challengers has ever had a realistic national office. In his current camchance of commanding the broad ranks | paign, he has needed to be flanked by of the Republican movement. As each is reassuring party figures who can lift eliminated in turn, the main benefit his performance or provide some must accrue to the mainstream runner. needed sparkle when he (quite frequently) falls short.

If the Dole wagon now rolls ahead as expected, it may well acquire a new band. The media has nominated in also had the advantage — against two of succession Mr Forbes, Lamar Alexander and Pat Buchanan as favourites to be preferred. Once they are out of the running, an entirely different possibil-ity could now be floated. Mr Dole not only sweeps the convention but... Bill Clinton had better watch out! At the moment this seems wildly implausible and the senator is seen by many republican as well as democratic strategists. as the survivor of a weak field. Mr Dole must also now prepare to find ways of bridging the gap - or rather the gaps between the very different constituencies of his main rivals and himself. Mr Buchanan's claim that it will, at all events, be Pat's platform if not his candidacy may be a final arrogant fling. But Mr Dole will no doubt trim even further on sensitive republican issues such as free trade, abortion and immigration. If he lacks a clear message over many of the undecided. Mr Down has always been hard to pin down: by convention time. However, and farm prices — a game by convention time. However, the final Big Fight, it will be an attraction to the final Big Fight, it will be the result of blunders which Mr Clinton



Now stand back for the revenge of the Tory Eurosceptics

EUROPE is supposedly the defining state of modern British politics. But it exposition of a case on CFSP around is not the issue on which many British which other parties can probably unite views very readily. Evasion and generality are more often the order of the one was infused with a much more day. Considering that the European intergovernmental conference later this month at which crucial and specific questions — including institutional reform, foreign policy and justice policy — will be defined, the recent silence has been eloquent of the sensi-

tivities which the issue arouses. That, however, is about to change, and not before time. Malcolm Rifkind began to articulate the British government's approach to the IGC in a speech in Paris on Tuesday, Gordon Brown has been hardening Labour's commitment to monetary union during a visit to Brussels this week. And Paddy Ashdown delivered a highly pro-European but notably unspecific pre-IGC speech in London last night. All this is a curtain raiser to the long-awaited IGC white paper which is due for publication next week. From that moment, Europe will be back at the top of the

political agenda with a vengeance. Douglas Hurd's successor has spent his early months at the Foreign Office applying a Eurosceptic patina to his generally pro-European political image. But his Paris speech on common foreign and security policy - one of the so-called "pillars" of the European Rifkind's honeymoon with the Tory

party leaders actually define their more easily than his own. Like Mr Rifkind's recent speech in Munich, this positive attitude to the EU than a party Union is on the eve of an important audience or the Europhobe Tory press would tolerate. It took the CFSP as a given to be worked with, not as a dragon to be slain by the nation state. It was low on Euro-rhetoric, rightly avoiding over-ambitious goals, but it was otherwise a balance between practical proposals, all anathema to Eurosceptics, and a general cautionary approach to majority voting, which other EU nations including Germany ought to take more seriously. Mr Rifkind is right that the substance of any policy is more important than its form. But the tone is important as well as the substance, and Mr Rifkind's was well-judged.

Only a small part of the speech dealt with British proposals for the institutional reform which will underpin CFSP. But the mere fact that a Conservative foreign secretary is willing to support the setting up of a European Council foreign policy secretariat and the creation of a high profile post of European Union foreign policy ambassador has been enough to light the party's blue touch paper. The instant censure which the speech has provoked from the Europhobe wing of the Conservative Party is a reliable sign that Mr Union - represents a reversion to prag- right is about to come to an end.

No avoiding hard health choices But activists as well as ministers must change their tactics

boy suffering from a brain clot finds he properly protected. Patient charter the £1 million scanner - bought with needed. The Royal College of Physipublic donations - only operated between 9am and 5pm. He later died from from the minister's instructions to a massive renewed haemorrhage. The liver of Leah Betts, the Essex teenager who died from an ecstasy tablet, could not be used by any of Britain's seven

transplant centres several of which are suffering from a shortage of intensive care beds. Just a day after these reports appeared, the Health Secretary issued new guidelines yesterday on the use of intensive care beds - and promised a new Patient's Charter standard for accident and emergency departments.

So that's alright then? Far from it. There are uncomfortable lessons for ministers - and local activists. Ministers need to recognise the importance of strategic planning. Expensive services like intensive care have to be planned, hospitals with more 24-hour services.

A REPORT on a 10-year-old Manchester | not left to the market if patients are to was unable to get a brain scan because standards fall far short of what is cians set out some factors - all missing health authorities — which need to be taken into consideration: beds per million people, distance between units, transfer policy. Currently the Health Secretary does not even know how many intensive care beds are in the system. Local activists, too, need to reassess their instinctive rejection to all hospital closures. The Manchester report spoke of the urgent need to reorganise children's services - a reorganisation that has been delayed 10 years and is still stalled by objections to one local hospital closure. Activists cannot close their eyes to the cruel choices of health planning: more hospitals but stricter opening hours; or fewer



Letters to the Editor

You're on your Todd, Derek Matters arising: Major's heir apparent and fishy practices

is the cause of the drugs prob-lem is as simplistic as it is misguided. What bogs down much of our efforts in res-ponding to drugs, apart from the rather sterile debate about legalisation, is that our public institutions of health, education, social services and criminal justice are in finan-cial straitjackets.

In drugs education, we see police resources being spent on schools programmes. But could these resources be better used by schools them-selves to employ specialist health education support staff? Institutions, chief officers and politicians jealously guard their hard-won

budgets.
What we now need is not just better co-ordination between all the interested parties. We need both a national and local drug interventions and investment budget which can channel the overall resources available into the most cost-effective actions. Reducing the demand for drug resources a similar transfer to the most cost-effective actions. drugs means a significant and long-term shift in the balance of our spending priorities. Roger Howard. Standing Conference

on Drug Abuse, Waterbridge House, 32-36 Loman Street, London SE1 0EE.

TODD declares that he finds it difficult to follow the logic of the arguments for legalisation. Let me try to help. Few drugs are, in themselves, dangerous. Cannabis | Drugs Act which was accom- | London SW19 7ER.

An explanation

READ with interest Beatrix Campbell's (Faith-healers at

work in Irish hospitals, March

My decision to decline the

offer of a second term as chair-

man of the Royal Group of

Hospitals Trust reflected my acute dissatisfaction with var-

ious aspects of the central di-

rection of the health service in

These weaknesses were ex-emplified in the perverse out-

come, for the Royal Group, of

solutely firm commitment from the Government to make £5m available to provide on

the site a long overdue

replacement for much of the existing Royal Victoria Hospi-tal. Building work is sched-

possible, enhanced.

Former Chairman,

Royal Group of

Hospitals Trust,

Sir George Quigley.

Northern Ireland.

effects; ecstasy deaths usu-ally result from ignorance— Leah Betts diluting herself to death, for example.
Only two drugs are proven

addictive killers; nicotine and alcohol. Todd's favouring of more lurid "educa-tional" materials starkly highlights the gulf separating him from those he wants to

help.
Why should young people believe a leaflet from the Department of Health, when it flies in the face of the evidence they see all around them? That their friends, relatives, and they themselves take dures as an integral part take drugs as an integral part of their leisure activities, with no significant ill-effects.

The illegality of drugs generates crime, sustains ignorance, squanders police and judicial resources, and sets one generation against another. The only real "drugs menace" is that of profound ignorance in high places, and a media which gives it a

developed from earlier attempts to carry out the approach he recommends. Criminalisation of the user began in earnest with the 1964

EREK TODD'S claim is harmless, or as near as panied by mass police raids (User friendly folly, March 6) that the user pure for decades with no ill-cause of the drugs probests; ecstasy deaths ususas simplistic as it is ally result from ignorance—to stem the tide of demand or interest to stem the tide of demand or interest. the flow of drugs. The shift in focus to the supply was in part brought about through recognition of the futility of pursuing users.

The problem of policing drug use is the ease with which users can justify their actions. They may be performing an illegal act that upsets the sensibilities of some people but it is a crime where people, but it is a crime where the only victim is the

perpetrator.

By arguing their right to make that choice users are in the company of philosophers such as J S Mill. It is a valid claim that weakens the abil-ity of a democratic police force to claim it is policing by

Andy Wilson 3 King George Street, Greenwich. London SE10 8QJ.

NOTED that in his call for demand reduction policies Derek Todd suggests that DEREK TODD appears to have for gotten that the curve for interest of the curve for interest of the curve for its "user friendly folly". He appears to have for its "user friendly folly". The appears to have for its "user friendly folly".

but also amphetamines? or do drugs only come from

Gary Groom. 28 Lake Road,

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port, March 5)? I have not, as Callington, the article states, refused to Cornwall PL17 8DQ.

sure me that the Tories cannot possibly win the next elec-tion, but now I know that they must be right — the Prime Minister agrees with them (PM wants Patten back as Tory leadership 'heir', March 6). Why else would he now be annointing his old friend Chris Patten as his preferred

heir-apparent as Tory leader? This might help to explain something that has been puzzling me since election night in 1992. As the early results were flashed up on the television screen placed in the lobby of the hall where our constituency's count was taken. constituency's count was tak-ing place, I happened to be standing close to the Tory candidate — Peter Lilley, I could understand all too well his cries of elation as news of Tory victories came through from seats which the opposition parties needed to win, but could my perception possibly be correct that his most jubilant cry of all was uttered when we all saw that his cabi-net colleague Chris Patten had been beaten in Bath? If Mr Patten should attempt

to make a political comeback at home when he returns from Hong Kong, he would presumably do well to test the temperature of any oil offered also allow us to check on more for his annointing by Mr Lil- of their catches. ley and the other right-wing members of the present cabi-net whom John Major allegedly once referred to as his bastards!

Kenneth Holmes. 54 Falconers Field,

MAY I correct an error in your report (Test Case over Tory MPs' financial sup-

ALWAYS urge caution upon take up a complaint from a those of my friends who as Labour MP. The Member concerned had sent me a newspaper article but could not vouch for its accuracy. I therefore asked him if he wished to lodge a complaint (which would bring the matter within my terms of refer ter within my terms of reference); and, if so, whether he could specify the charges and supply supporting evidence. This has since been done, albeit by a different Member.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

N ALL the hullabaloo over the European Court's fishing said about what could be done right now to stop the quota hoppers. At the moment, boats flying a UK flag of convenience have a choice. Either they must land half their catch in Britain, or they must land half their catch in Britain. visit one of our ports at least four times every six months. But why offer the choice? Make it compulsory to do both make it compulsory to do both and you would change the eco-nomics of quota-hopping. It wouldn't eliminate it alto-gather but it would force a drastic cut by making many trips uneconomic. It would

Best of all, it is a change that could be made at once, at no cost, and with no fear of falling foul of Euro-law — it merely concerns licence conditions, not legislation. Ministers should explain why they won't examine this option. Robin Teverson MEP European Parliament Fisheries Committee (Cornwall & West Plymouth). Newton Farm, Metherell,

Sound of fury | Size matters

THE Opera House has its lottery money, but can't get planning permission (Council rejects Royal opera plan, March 2). Now the Britpish, March 2). Now the British Museum is travelling
down the same bumpy road:
£30m from the Millennium
Fund, but a planning application to destroy the Round
Reading Room only just submitted to Camden Council. The BM Trustees should take a sideways glance at the Opera House to gauge the likely reaction to their

Brian Lake. Secretary, British Library Regular Readers' Group, 46 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3PA.

IWAS in my kitchen when I read Luisa Diliner's asser tion (Doctor at large, March 5) that the diameter of the erect quick survey with a ruler showed that this lay between a large coffee mug and a Morphy Richards jug kettle. Curiously, it is also twice the width of the new EU standard condom, the introduction of which prompted the article. May I suggest that Dr Dillner clarifies the issue before young male suicide rates reach an all-time high. Paul Livesey. Flat 50,

Whitendale Hall, Preston, Lancashire PR1 7BG.

This is an age-old problem

HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW YOUNG THE DEMOGRAPHERS ARE LOOKING NOWADAYS?

the 1995 contract negotiations.
The Group has been fully responsive to the challenge of change and has an excellent FIND IT a shame that your leader (March 6) has uncriti-cally picked up on the theme record in meeting the criteria by which the viability of trusts is measured. There are, Commission which scape-goats the elderly for anticihowever, limits to what can be pated changes in welfare provision in the next century.

The demographic statistics are due to the peculiar combidone to tighten budgetary con-

straints without being at grave risk of seriously eroding standards, lowering morale nation of the post-war babyand destabilising an organisa-tion and diminishing its boom followed by a return to a century-old decline in fertility rates, creating a popula-tion bulge which will disap-I did not suspect or believe that the Government's dealings with the Royal Group pear as surely as it arose.

Maybe these concerns were prompted by any sectar-ian intent. The Board of The Trust had succeeded nine about ageing have more to do with an exhausted social sys-tem and an inability to raise months ago in securing an abenthusiasm amongst their

> Bill Durodie. European Projects Officer, Kingsway College, Regents Park Centre. Longford Street, London NW1 3HB.

own members than any natu-

uled to start on April 1, 1997. The Royal Group, in its car ing, teaching and research roles, is a Northern Ireland THE EU report masks dif-ferences between between countries which will exert a powerful effect on how welflagship, a truly international centre of excellence. Also critically important, it occupies a fare provision develop. We pivotal position in the ecorecently interviewed politicians, representatives of em-ployers and trade unions and nomic life of an area which is seriously deficient in job opportunities. In social and ecocivil servants on this issue. nomic terms, as well as for its crucial contribution to the While there was widespread agreement on the challenges posed by demography and Health Service in Northern high unemployment, there Ireland as a major regional resource, the Royal Group is a are considerable differences valuable asset which should of opinion on what can and be maintained and, where should be done. One big dif-ference is the way in which many of the German respondents were keen to defend the existing Bismarkian system

needs of those who are not in-cluded within it, because they have interrupted work records or are unemployed. Many of the latter group are

In Denmark and in France. by contrast, there is much more concern about social exclusion and about maintaining solidarity. Britain stands out as the only country in which no substantial grouping is willing to defend the maintenance of high welfare standards at the cost of main taining levels of tax and Peter Taylor-Gooby. Professor of Social Policy,

University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NY. HE photograph accompa-nying Richard Worsley's

eloquent piece about ageism in the workplace (Left out of things, March 2) depicted three older men registering for work in Bradford. This "radical" approach

was somewhat overshadowed by the person pouring the tea for the men, who surprise surprise, was an overalled, older woman. Oh well, maybe age takes precedent over gen-der in examining employees'

Once again it seems the

women are left making the Karen Tansley. Rectory Cottage, St Andrew's Lane, Congham.

We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear of social insurance, while less | We regret we cannot concerned about meeting the acknowledge those not used.

King's Lynn PE32 1DU.

A Country Diary

CO DURHAM: February | clouds. The second momenbrought two magical events. The first — reputed to be a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle was an evening sky decorated for a few surreal minutes by mother-of-pearl clouds. They were of a kind that might be drawn by a science fiction illustrator to portray the at-mosphere of an alien planet, or might have been interpreted in antiquity as a por-tent of terrible events. Whole sheets of stratos were shot through with rainbow colours, although in no particular rainbow order, set against a peach and grey stratosphere. The effect, similar to the interference colours generated by the inside of an abalone shell, was said to be caused by unusually low tem-peratures at high altitudes that generated minute, refractive ice crystals. Whatever the cause, this short but spectacular sky was reported all over the region, from Northtacular sky was reported all spring and I am planning to over the region, from North-umberland to Yorkshire, be-tarica. The birds, at least, fore it was drawn to a close by might be back. a curtain of black snow

my wife, was the arrival of a party of waxwings in our gar-den. They demolished the Lonicera tartarica berries dangling close to the window. with some birds even sitting on the window ledge to feed. Their antics were described to me over the telephone by my wife, who commentated on every detail of their plumage and activities as she sat just a couple of feet from the window. By the time I got home, they had (of course) moved on. If, like me, you have waited years to see one of these exotic winter visitors, you can imagine the frustration of having to make do with a commentary on a whole flock in your own garden. The bitter weather that brought the waxwings and pearly heavens has now given way to the first warm days of

PHIL GATES

Diary

Matthew Norman

practitioner of local government, there has emerged a new star turn. He is Irwin Van Colle, chairman of Brent Council's housing and social service committee. The councillor has long enjoyed a local reputation for dryness on matters of social policy (he is known to his Labour oppo-site as "the chairman from hell"), and this he has now confirmed in sparkling fash ion. Mr Van Colle has conceived a circumstance by which Brent's homeless might be helped (and save the £5 million the council expects to pay this year to keep them in B&Bs): a cold snap that would kill some would free some council properties for homeless people currently in cheap hotels. It's inspired. The cold weather can cause som of our tenants to cease to be our tenants," he said. "It is one of the facts of life." Indeed, and how delicately put. Although he forgoes to explain how the right climatic conditions might be created, he must still be congratulated on a masterstroke of social planning worthy of Brent at its bril-

ND from the under-card of the Brent Vari-ety Show, the Tory budget proposals passed two days ago on the mayor's casting vote have been sent to the Diary. I am baffled to note that £150,000 has been set aside for "public incon-veniences". We await an adjudication on whether being frozen to death qualifies as a public inconvenience or a private one.

N enchanting example of a vital business principle—that of the need to diversify to survive—comes from the Western Morning News. A household name company has made a £1.8 billion hostile takeover bid, it reports, for catering firm BET. If successful, the corporate raider will take over lucrative contracts to provide meals for children all over England We wish Rentokil success with its bid.

AM concerned that my old friend Michael Howard may be suffering another of those dreadful colds (the ones that drive his mother Hilds and me to such despair), for his sense of timing is unwontedly poor. Even as Muhammed Al Mas'ari's was being upheld, the new edition of the Big Issue arrived, its entire letters page taken up by a missive in which Michael explains why his department's handling of asylm applications is fault-less. "I do not accept talk of a climate of disbellef within the Home Office," he writes. Wrap up warm, plenty of liq-uids, and no late nights reading the elocution manual, Michael, lest those sniffles reach your chest.

LSEWHERE in the Big Issue is a celebrity questionnaire with Judi Dench. To the question "Which living person do you most dislike?", she replies: "Andrew Neil." This is odd. Has she not read this week's Daily Mail column in which their brilliant writer took a sideways look - with tongue firmly in cheek — at European con-doms. The standardisation of the size was delayed, Andrew so wryly observed, "because the Italians (not the British) had complained that the proposed Euro-minimum was — too big. So much for the boasts of all these Latin lovers." Funnily enough, it was only a few weeks ago that Andrew was boasting about his own penis size on TV, answering an inquiry about the secret of his sexual allure with the words: "I have the biggest organ on a Sunday." How anyone can fail to love so uniquely gifted a self-parodist as Andrew is quite be-

HE standardisation of the condom has now gone through, and I am indebted to Agence Europe, an ultra-dry daily digest of technical Eurodata pubished in Brussels, for the following clarification: "In our article of Friday, March 1, on new European staniards for condoms, please read width as between 44 and 56 mm. Products using his voluntary standard should have right of passag hroughout Europe.



Signs point right for ROM the world's most consistently hilarious martitioner of local and a new Tory guvnor

Commentary

Hugo Young

OT long ago, a Conservative constitu-ency association had an idea that would have stretched the limits of jobbery even in the 18th cen-tury. Its officers suggested that Chris Patten should be its nominated candidate at the next election; even though he could not person-ally be present at the contest because of an obligation to remain in his office-of-profit remain in his office-of-profit until July 1, 1997. This was a serious proposal, solemnly put forward. The campaign would be conducted by the retiring MP, but the name of Patten would be on the ballot. Thus would this safe seat bestow its dowry, in absentia, on the Governor of Hong Kong.

Kong. The whiff of times past entailed in such an arrange-ment is less interesting than the fact that it was canvassed in a place whose current MP is exceptionally close to John Major. While not being a Major notion, it is redolent of Mr Major's attachment to the man who is not only his faithsome might say his superior, in the high politics of modern

It couldn't happen anyway The House of Commons Dis-qualification Act 1975 instances enough categories of excluded persons to ensure that the Governor's candi-dacy would attract the interest of legions of m'learned friends. But the proposition was born alike of admiration and despair. So is Mr Major's laying on of hands after the last visit any British prime minister will pay to British Hong Kong. What happened there is a measure of Mr Patten's influ-

of which there are few sight-ings in these difficult times. Promising travel visas to two million Hong Kong passport-holders, although not a disinterested act given the recipro-cal need for free British access to post-colonial Hong Kong, wasn't something the Tory backbenches were cry-ing out for. Offering British residence to 7,000 Hong Kong Indians was a gesture the Home Office had opposed for years with the mulish inhumanity for which it is worldfamous. Someone had to fi-nesse Michael Howard.

ence. He knew how to tap Major's better nature, terrain

Governor Patten did so. But his influence is wider. For Major, Hong Kong has been a telephonic haven, a retreat from Cabinet bas-

ful friend but his mentor, unexcited man, with talents the Prime Minister has in short supply around him. Pat-ten is civilised, educated, large-minded and an instinctive rejecter of doctrinal nos-trums for the Conservative Party's problems. He is therefore perfectly disqualified for the task his friend would appear to be laying on him: the leadership of the party, once Major himself has been chased out of it by popular

> There might be little problem getting Patten into Par-liament. The by-election route has felled many famous men who tried to take it, but the Governor is arguably different. He has clean hands and impeccable credentials. He's a professional politicism in the best sense. His appar-ent thirst for office would be excused by his incontestable suitability for it.

The charge of opportunism could be far more easily deflected than in the case, say, of Norman Lamont. If the manoeuvre was being con-ducted in the aftermath of a Tory victory, Patten would sweep into a senior post, adding calibre and fettle to a Cabinet whose unexpected tri-umph had added no trace of either commodity to the jaded arrogance we see before

Defeat, however, would be another matter. Patten has not been idle in preparing to re-join a Tory Party some-what changed since he left

the front line. He has time to read in Hong Kong, and may have more of it as ever-fewer of the residents need or want to know him. His insights have kept up with the party's rightward drift. He has mused on the desirability of lowering state spending be-lowering state spending be-low 40 per cent of GNP, as well as on the problems of a European single currency. and probably casts an unbaleful eye on the swiftness with which the media have conse quently re-assigned him to the New Right. For an ambi-tious man, there's no harm in becoming acceptable to the ultras, as long as they don't

know they've got you wrong. The fact remains that there will never be a time when Patten speaks for a version of Conservatism closer to Michael Portillo's than to

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that of Kenneth Clarke. However he dresses up his con-structive prophecies, and sheds the labels of the past, any straight-eyed Tory knows where he is coming from. How he will fare when July 1, 1997, is over depends on the pathology of the party after the election: an unknowable condition, of which the possibilities and the possibilities are the possibilities and the possibilities and the possibilities are the possibilities are the possibilities and the possibilities are the possibilities are the possibilities and the possibilities are the bilities range between poles far apart.

Maybe Conservatism will already have begun to settle round a new consensus. The politics, and some of the substance, of lower welfare are now widely agreed. The target, if not the precise measure, of sub-40 per cent state spending is common talk, though vast billions divide the Clarke ideal from that of Portillo. One could even project begins to seem com-promised by disagreements that encompass Prime Minister Blair. In those circumstances, what Major obviously wants

what Major obviously wants to happen — which is the succession of the man he most admires in politics — would have some chance. Patten is untainted. He's been excused the burden of making enemies. Assuming a rough consequent many consequents in the surface of t sensus, many Conservative MPs might find much attraction in having as their leader a man of government whose elevated tone, and dissimulating talents, harked

back to the era before politics became irredeemably Right now, the opposite pole seems the more plausibly magnetic for a party in defeat. If the Tories lose badly to Labour, they will be driven hard to the right, as they always have been. This will be a visceral response, perhaps hoisted to the level of reason by reminding the world that the same thing happened under both Ted Heath and Margaret Thatcher, and, each time, carried them back to

The rightward lurch this time, however, is likely to be different. The zealotry at large is so much cruder. Depending on who gets back to Parliament, the prospect looms of a blood-bath over Europe, since the nullity see nario is unlikely to happen Gangs of young fanatics will be out for revenge on Major's pussy-footing. With passion ate intensity loosed upon the world, who would bet on the election of the prodigal

the character and virtues of the prospective monarch. We want two things which are not the same: an hereditary mon arch, and a monarch who will by his qualities of mind and character, symbolise some-thing about the unity and the

values of the nation.

The point about hereditary monarchy is that you have to put up with what the accients of birth produce. It is quite another question as to whether the prospective monarch has the virtues necessary to symbolise something im-portant about the life and values of the national community. No hereditary system can guarantee that the latter will be the case.

relevant if we believe that the of national unity. So, for ex-ample, Ron Davies's com-plaints about the Prince's pre-the past 50 years has not been in large part a creation of the dilection for hunting and other field sports is only relevant if we think that, as well as being an bereditary mon-arch, the future King Charles should represent the nation as a whole — a substantial number of whose citizens believe that these activities are

HESE are, however, two separate issues, and there is absolutely no guarantee that the hereditary principle will produce a monarch who is capable of symbolising the nation and its values If we want a head of state who can symbolise the whole nation, or at least a majority in it, then this is probably a stronger argument in favour of an elected head of state than an hereditary one. It is only because of accident that the present Queen is able to do this, as well as being an hereditary monarch, that we think that both the hereditary principle and the symbolic one are the same. But they are distinct, and may not be easily united in the person of a future monarch Indeed, looking at the history of the mon-archy, there have been cases when the two features have been split apart — surely George IV would be a good

example. A genuine hereditary mon-archy would, in the modern world, imply a rather limited role for the monarchy in both its political and symbolic forms. The monarch would have to abstain from political or near-political activities and retreat far more into a purely formal role as head of state just because the hereditary principle — for which there is something to be said as producing a head of state who is above politics - cannot ensure that it will produce monarch who has the quali

ties to be more than this. Because the hereditary principle enshrines the accidental and the unpredictable it would seem to be reasonable that the corollary of accepting the hereditary principle would be a monarchy with much more limited political and symbolic power in society. We could then get away from an embarrassing and sterile debate about the per sonal qualities of the Prince of Wales and into a much more productive and important debate about what sort of role an hereditary head of state might have, whatever his personal

Dire straits for the Clarke ideal from that of Portillo. One could even imagine a kind of truce-inscepticism over Europe, if the single currency hasn't happened, the IGC has stumbled into nullity and the whole project begins to seem composed begins to seem compos



Isabel Hilton

N two weeks' time, the 21 million people of Taiwan will choose their president by direct election. It is a first for Taiwan, but it can be put in other, more eye-catching ways. Congressman Christo-pher Cox, the chairman of the House Republican Party Com-mittee, likes the big picture. This election and the legislative elections in December last year are, as he puts it, the first competitive, free and fair elec-tions in more than 4,000 years of Chinese recorded history. Certainly its importance

has not escaped Beijing. where it is recognised as both significant and highly unde-sirable. And if that response is a test of Beijing's readiness to join the developed world, then so far it has failed.

The announcement this week that on Friday the People's Republic will launch a week of missile tests at the north and the south end of the Taiwan Straits is an ugly gas-ture of intimidation, and one that demands a response. It is important, however, to

be clear about what this ges-ture is. There is consensus among Western military ana-lysts at least that China does not have the capability to launch a successful invasion of Taiwan, even if it were to resolve to do so. But it can hardly be much comfort to the residents of Taipei to recall that only last month China's Long March rocket, which was trying to launch a satellite, crashed shortly after launch or that the last t launch, or that the last time China conducted missile tests off Taiwan's shores many of the missiles landed as much as 200 miles off target. Given that record, it is reckless to practise within 50 miles of the

Perhaps the week will pass with no more serious damage than ruffled feathers in Tai-The debate about the supplement But it's an ugly moment, posed virtues or otherwise of nevertheless, for what it reveals of the underlying atti-

Taiwanese coast.

tudes in Beljing. It is the official about Taiwan's separation from the Great Motherland, but about which is the legiti-mate government of a re-united China. Given the disparity in forces, it made perfect sense for Western governments to transfer recogni-tion from Taipei to Beijing, as the US did in the seventies. It was a bit of political realism that involved accepting the view of both Chinese capitals that there was only one China.

But things have moved on

since then. Far from rushing to embrace the post-Mao People's Republic, the people of Taiwan appear to want to build a more democratic society at home. It's a praise-worthy ambition, but one that entirely changes the challenge of unification: if the people of of unification: if the people of Taiwan should further decide that they would rather not pursue the option of unifica-tion, how could the interna-tional community deny their moral right to independence, or, in the shorter term, to deliberate the matter without hating builted from across the being bullied from across the Taiwan Straits?

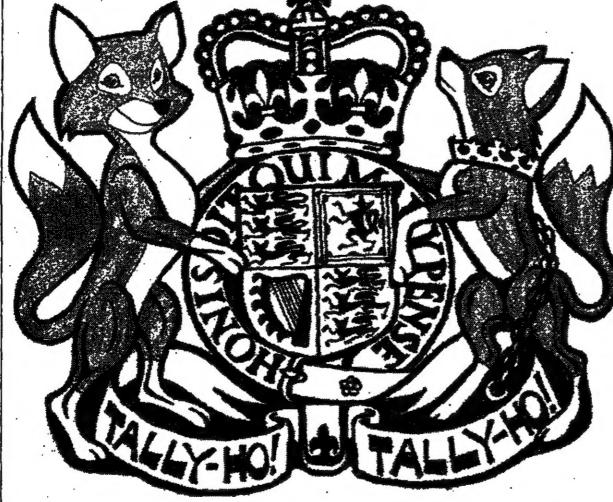
The truth is that China's military exercises are more a reflection of a state of ugly confusion and weak leader-ship in Beijing than the out-come of a clear policy. China has no leader and only a bankrupt set of slogans for a ruling mission. The only thing her vacillating politicians have found to fill this ideological vacuum is an irredentisi nationalism that plays heavily on a sense of historic griev-ance: poor China, abused by 19th-century colonialism, forced to defend herself against a still hostile world.

There are a number of iro-nies here. The first is that, however grave the abuses of western colonialism, they pale beside the crimes perpetrated against the Chinese people by their own government in this century; no government has been responsible for as many deaths within its own borders since 1949.

own colonialist behaviour in the 20th century has been far more abusive than the evils it denounces in others. Expanlated a series of pre-modern tributary relationships into conventional territorial claims. The havoc wreaked on the culture and rights of the peoples of Inner Mongolia. Xinjiang and Tibet are tests-

HE limits of China's willingness to adapt to Western political models are set by her own desire for self-aggrandisement. It is happy to claim the privileges of a modern multinational state but not to respect the right of the Taiwanese to determination.

military exercises to the US as well as to China's regional in large part a creation of the US: it would not have survived this far without US support and is now America's seventh-largest trading partner. Taiwan has cultivated many friends in the US Con-gress to whom it can now say, with some justice, that it is a democratic nation. The US is obliged to take account and the sooner this is made clear to Beijing the better — prefer-ably before a defective missile changes a confrontation into a full-blown crisis.



Royal flush-out

Raymond Plant argues that a calm debate on the monarchy's future must be held now, not in the heat of an election campaign

bout the future of the monarchy which party leaders may not have wanted, but nevertheless has been brewing for a long time. It now seems unlikely that this particular genie can be put back in the bottle, and I think that to attempt to do so would be

First of all, people are talk-ing about this in the light of all that has gone on in the royal family in the past few years and since the announce ment of the divorce between the Prince and Princess of Wales. I think it would do great harm to the already bettered reputation of politicians to try to stifle a debate which is likely to go on whether they

like it or not. Second, it seems clear to me that the constitutional reform proposals of Labour and the Liberal Democrats are going to raise questions about the monarchy which cannot be stifled and are best faced calmly and openly. The Prime Minister and the Conservative Party chairman had already made it clear that they would attack these reform proposals because they would, as they see it, underwine the existing

what implications, if any, they see their proposals as having for the nature of the monarchy rather than responding to a set of issues designed by the Conservatives to put them on the defensive. Reformers should be more confident and upfront at the next election --as they should have been at the last one — about their proposals and their implications, rather than responding to an agenda of questions se

by their opponents. The reform proposals raise questions about the monarchy in two respects that are interlinked. First, Tony Blair's recently aunounced intention to remove the voting rights of hereditary peers in the House of Lords is bound to be seen by opponents as a broader attack on the principle of hereditary power and status, including that of the monarchy. Second, ideas about making more accountable the powers of the royal prerogative exercised in the name of the Crown by the Prime Minister can quite easily be misrepresented as an attack on the monarchy itself. These questions will not go away just because it may not be politically convenient to address them in the view of

campaign.

I believe there is a perfectly defensible case to be made for

constitutional hereditary monarchy in the context of a radical constitutional agenda and this case needs to be made by those who want to stop short of republicanism. Of course, there is a principled case to be made for republicanism as part of this agenda,

There is absolutely no guarantee that a hereditary monarch will symbolise the

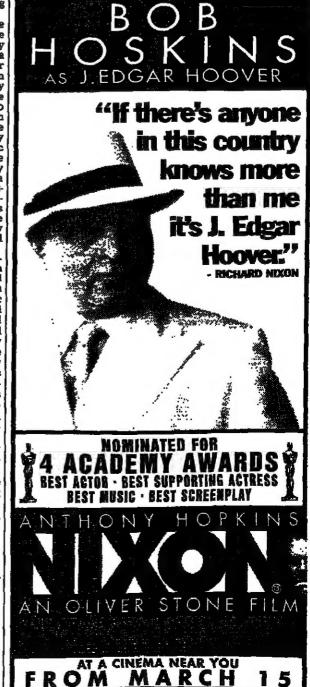
nation and its values and indeed it has been made over the years by Tony Benn

The basic assumption of the Benn case is that political power should rest upon conconsent to the exercise of power. There is a great deal to be said for this approach, and this is why those who take this view see Blair's approach. see it, underwine the existing party managers, and it would to Lords reform as only an legitimacy of the hereditary constitutional settlement, in-

ON DAVIES'S cluding the position of the remarks about monarchy. It is surely better than in a defensive way in the ther reform of the Lords to the Prince of Wales have mad- Democrats to set out clearly light) of a general election chamber. I fully sympathise chamber. I fully sympathise with this approach, which was central to the work of the Labour Party commission, which I chalred, on electoral systems and which argued in favour of an elected second chamber based on regional elections by PR. The principle that power should ultimately be exercised

only by elective consent could, of course, lead to republi-canism, but there is an alter-native view which is perfectly plausible and which I suspect would command quite wide assent and which would pre-serve an hereditary but wholly constitutional monarchy. This would, however, en-tail removing from the monarchy its residual political power. In this view, an hereditary monarchy would still be defensible in the context of a more democratic constitution because the monarchy would not have political power and thus could be ex-empted from the claim that political power should only be

> virtues. Lord Plant of Highlield is a



Lord Jay of Battersea

Practically, a socialist

ing exponent of cratic socialism. For more than 50 years, as theorist and as governmental practitioner, he played a leading role in giving the Labour Party a credible economic programme in place of utopian idealism.

He was born into a middleclass family — his father was a Conservative member of the London County Council - and he was educated at Winchester, where his contemporaries included Hugh Galt-skell, the future Labour leader, and Richard Cross-man, the future Labour cabinet minister, and then at New College, Oxford. He went into financial journalism, first for the Times, then the Economist, and in 1937 became city editor of the Labour-support-ing Daily Herald. A sense of the need for a democratic response to the economic and inties impelled him into the Labour Party.

With contemporaries like Gaitskell, Evan Durbin and James Meade, he was a key member of the group of young socialist economists assembled by Hugh Dalton. He was also prominent in Nicholas Davenport's XYZ economic seminars. Jay's impressive book, The Socialist Case (1937) was perhaps the best exposition of the need for British socialism to harness economic planning Although it is often said to have been influenced by Maynard Keynes, Jay himself pointed out that his ideas on "effective demand manage-ment" were worked out in the winter of 1935-6, before Maynard Keynes's General Theory Of interest Employment And Money had appeared. Although later derided for including the ominous phrase, "the gentie-man from Whitehall knows best," it is in fact a humane and persuasive statement of the case for planning. As Jay characteristically wrote. The case for socialism is mainly economic and it resis

When war came, Jay seconomic expansion and worked in the Ministry of Supply with another close Oxford friend, Oliver Franks. Then in 1943 Hugh Dalton asked him to act as his per-sonal assistant at the Board of Trade. Here Jay became a ment, the Wilson period was a most influential civil servant relocating plant in areas of high unemployment such as South Wales and Tyneside. ployment such as He became a prophet of regional development. Years l reciting the names of obscure Welsh, Cumbrian or Scottish mining villages he had visited during the war. With

ters ranging from manpower budgeting to housing policy. he was a cogent influence; he forecast the manpower prob-lems of the mining industry which led to the 1947 fuel cri sis. Jay became personally de-voted to the prime minister, he was to give a moving Att-lee memorial lecture 40 years later. In 1946 he was elected to Parliament in a by-election in North Battersea, and repre-sented the area for the next 37

In 1947, he became Economic Secretary to the Treasury under Sir Stafford Cripps, serving on the cabinet economic committee, and in 1950 he became Financial Sec retary. Along with Gaitskell Jay was a crucial influence in pushing the government to devalue the pound in 1949. The episode confirmed in him an abiding distrust of another colleague, the ambitious Har-old Wilson. When Labour fell from office in 1951, Jay was a prominent Gaitskellite and a critic of Aneurin Bevan whose rhetorical style helped confirm in Jay an amused

The break with Wilson was completed by Jay's vehement opposition to EC membership

suspicion of the emotional excesses of the Welsh. He even proposed, in 1959, that the very name Labour Party might be abandoned, although he thought Gaitskell's abortive attempt to remove Clause IV from the Labour Party constitution unwise. However, he remained a

major figure in the party, leader writer for the Daily Herald (in partnership with Michael Foot), a strong opponent of Eden's Suez venture and, as another book, Social-ism In The New Society (1962) showed, an important influ-ence on Labour policies for Trade. But, despite his sucless happy one for Jay. There were disputes over the import surcharge, which he opposed, possible devaluation in 1966 - which he resisted - and George Brown's Economic Plan, about which he was

The break with the leadership was completed by Jay's vehement, even violent, oppo-sition to Britain's application

passionately to campaign against a policy which he believed to be economically ruinous as well as an abject surrender of British sover-eignty and independence. A Penguin book in 1968, After The Common Market, made the emotional depths of his the emotional depths of his

opposition to "Europe" clear. He fought against British membership in the referendum in 1975, aligned with such unlikely partners as Tony Benn and Arthur Scar-gill. He remained an active backbencher, speaking fre-quently on economic and en-

vironmental matters.

He wrote a fascinating volume of memoirs, Change And Fortune (1980), and a thoughtwhich showed his deep his-torical sense. Through some mischance, he failed to be-come a peer in 1983 when he left the Commons, but in 1987 became Lord Jay of Battersea. He relished the opportunity of using the Lords to assault the Thatcher government whose policies he believed to be unremittingly disastrous.

He married twice, the first time to People Cornett a lead.

time to Peggy Garnett, a lead-ing member of the LCC, the second time to his former sec-retary, Mary Thomas, whom he married in 1972. His four children included Peter Jay, the financial journalist and later ambassador to Washing-ton, who married the daugh-ter of a Cabinet colleague, James Callaghan.

Donglas Jay was a striking and charming personality. An athletic man of great height, with clipped military tones, he could seem a shade forbid-ding on first acquaintance. But in fact he was friendly and unassuming, and a splenhome in Minster Lovell. He won a devoted following in Battersea, not least for his successful campaign in the sixties to ward off a threat-

ened "ringway" there.

A very English Englishman, with his passion for Shakespeare, Housman, All Souls and cricket — he recalled that a near contemporary at Winchester was the England cricket captain. Douglas Jardine — he was hu morously wry on the Celtic temperament. His reasoned opposition to

the Common Market was Attlee government, he was a reinforced by a dislike of continental Europe, its customs and cuisine, and a strong sense of the uniqueness of ry. He always took family holidays in Cornwall and enjoyed them im-But he was also a major in-

tellectual force in the making of modern British socialism. He fused Keynesian-type planning with socialist values as perhaps only Crosland otherwise succeeded in doing. Labour's election victory in for membership of the Euro1945, he became economic adviser to the new prime minisWilson dismissed him from ist case, and somewhat deKenneth O Morgan



Party defectors from Labour. During the war and under the major agent of practical socialism. The full employ-ment and regional develop-ment policy after 1945 is in some measure his personal

legacy. He spanned Labour's era of greatness between the 1930s and the 1960s. Despite his disappointments over Europe, he had a happy, creative and fulfilling life, not least because he was enabled, as he wanted, "to live, love, garden and die, deep in the English country."

writes: Austere, even severe of manner, Douglas Jay standing well over six feet, was a striking speaker, invariably holding his audience with his gued case. His crumpled suits and lack of dress sense earned him a reputation as a refugee from an Oxfam shop, but his twinkling eye and warmth more than made up for sarto-

If socialism had a Hamp-stead clique, Douglas was a paid up member. Yet as his time in office showed, he had a pragmatic and practical bent And his friend Alf, now Lord Dubs of Battersea, told me that even at the height of

variably attended Battersea Labour Party's general management committee, and treated it as he did a cabinet

Out of the Commons he was Lords interventions always lifted the spirits of his Labour colleagues — and the Maas-tricht Treaty debates gave him full opportunity to dis-play his skills. He took it with

Douglas Patrick Thomas Jay, Lord Jay of Battersea, politician, born March 23, 1907; dled March 6, 1996

David Bowman

Fast track with Rabbie

some outstanding for much of the post-war period it also seemed that the city contained one of the strongest and most influential Communist Party groupings anywhere in Britain — not forgetting Clydeside or even South Wales. And for most of the three decades after 1945 it was David Bowman, who has cal point of the party's

Bowman was finally best known as president of the National Union of Railway-men (now the RMT union) between 1975 and 1977. But long before that he was far better known inside the labour movement as the firebrand Communist engine driver from Dundee. From 1953 to 1974 he had four three-year spells on the NUR executive at a time when the rail unions, and the NUR in particular, were powerful both within and outside the labour movement. When Rowman movement. When Bowman was first elected to the executive, British Railways had 600,000 employees of whom more than 400,000 were NUR

Bowman would almost certainly have been elected NUR president by the early sixties but for his Communist Party membership; the rulebook stipulated that the president had to be a Labour Party member, attend its confer-ences as an official delegate and be eligible to sit on the Labour Party executive. De-spite all this, Bowman was only narrowly defeated in the 1958 NUR presidential elec-tion. His ability, charisma and fighting spirit were all greatly admired.

Bowman clashed with the

CPGB over the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia — he wanted a much sterner denunciation from the British party — and he left it in 1970. Later he joined the Labour Party, and was thus a member when he became NUR president, although, in a breach of normal practice, he never sat on abour's executive.

As its president, he was involved in the 1975 pay crisis which had followed the defeat of the Heath government and the return of Harold Wilson's Labour government in the previous year. The NUR put in a pay claim for about 30 per cent in the wake of the miners' pay settlement of 1974; a strike was called - and Wilactive in the battle to save the Son summoned Bowman and Greater London Council in NUR general secretary Sidthe mid-eighties. His House of ney Weighell to Downing Street for drinks and sand wiches. The NUR leaders called off the strike and settled — for around 30 per

cent Bowman's communism went back to the early thir-ties. Postwar he lost his deposit seven times as Dundee East's communist parliamen tary candidate. It should have been eight, but in 1945 he

a social history of the music

of John Coltrane's era, he spoke frankly about his

clashes with angry black art-ists during that period of racial polarisation. He was

not always so open. A favour-ite story in the musicians' community concerns the gold disc awarded to Coltrane for a

UNDEE has produced refused to run against the some outstanding Labour candidate, the late John Strachey. This infuri-ated Dundee West's commu-nist candidate. Krishna Menon, the future Indian foreign minister in Nehru's pov-ernment. Menon never for-

Politics apart Dave Bow-man had two great loves the railways and Robert Burns. He came from a family of engine drivers and was ever-proud of a heritage going back to his grandfather. In-deed one of the Glasgow-Dun-dee-Aberdeen services became known as "the Bowman Train". Two of Dave Bow-man's proudest boasts were that he drove the wartime train which carried Winston Churchill to Dundee on a special mission with the Polish General Sikorski and that he drove the fastest steam lo-comotive in the world, the Rabbie Burns, I doubt I met anyone who could compare with Dave Bowman's fluency



Bowman . . . dream of unity

with Tam O' Shanter as he presided over the haggis with the same imperiousness that **Iderid**

he presided over the NUR. In his two-year presidency he had a serious disappointment, His ambition was to es-tablish a single railway union with the footplate union Aslef, but too much union rivalry lay on the tracks, and the unions remain apart to this day.

replaceable generation of trade unionists and thunderers, people whose careers en-compassed the changes of the century, is rapidly dying out. Dave Bowman's wife Eliza-beth died five years ago. He then married Barbara Morris —famed for her role in the TV series Antiques Road Show who was a family friend over

born March 6, 1913; died March

Death Notices

GUTH, Pumey, London, Trude who passed ewer peacefully at home on March 3rd 1996 aged 90 years. Fundral Service on Tuesday 19th March et Putney Vale Crema-lorium at Jom. Enquiries to E. Larrier Son Ital. 8161 788 2942.

WHITTHOWE, Russell died peacehally home on Sundey 33/96 after 8 mont battle against cancer Funeral 3 Jaman's Church, Subser Gardens, Long WZ on Tuesday 12/5/96 at 2.50pm No 10 WZ on Tuesday 12/5/96 at 2.50pm No 10 Tuesday

In Memoriam

WILLIAMS, A Service of Thanksgiving for the He of Dr Joyce Beverley Williams HRE MB JP Inte Javesory wiff be held at 12 noon on Seturday 13th April 1996 in St John's Parish Church, Church Row Hamp-stead, NWS Enquiries - 0181 440 1053.

Birthdays

William Boyd, author, 44: Cedric Brown, former chief executive, British Gas, 61; Malcolm Chisholm, Labour MP, 47; Bret Easton Ellis, novelist, 32; Michael Finnissy, composer and planist 50; Nicholas Kraemer, conductor, 51; Ivan Lendl, tennis player. 36; Michael Oliver, racehorse trainer. 46; Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, sculptor, 72; Dame Beryl Paston Brown, former principal, Ho-merton College, Cambridge, 87; Prof Lord (David) Phillips, molecular biophysicist, 72; Viv Richards, cricketer, 44; Lord Snowdon, photographer, 66; Eleanor Summer-field, actress, 75; Dame Mar-

Mike Wooller

ead role from the birth of ITV

By 1968 he was on the board of the newly-formed Granada Television International, but since business and admin-

stration held small fascina- and helped supervise Paper | throughout television. He was tion for him be moved back to | Mask and two other features | a British Academy of Film the BBC he had first joined in 1953. There from 1969 to 1974 he ran the arts programme Omnibus and then became acting assistant head of music sion he was executive pro-ducer of the 1979 Hollywood history series. He was, from 1981, Goldcrest Television's managing director when it was a leading independent producer, and where his work took in the Far Pavilions drama serial. When Goldcrest faltered in production Wooller returned to Granada.

for cinema release. Born in Lancashire, Wooller was a Royal Air Force national serviceman in Pales tine before a spell in forces broadcasting, and his initial BBC traineeship. His subsequent work was never flam-

a British Academy of Film and Television Arts board member, chaired it from 1979 to 1981, and with Michael Darlow won a Bafta award in 1968 for Cities At War. He had a range of interests to match his programme making, of which the principal ones were painting and music. He married

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Val Wilmer writes: Bob Thiele | book As Serious As Your Life. (*abituary*, *February* 26) recognised the potential of the poet Gil Scott-Heron who was just 21 when he cut Small Talk for Thiele's Flying Dutchman label, accompanied by two conga drummers. So impressed was the producer with one track, The Revolution Will Not Be Televised. that he re-recorded it as a single. Throughout 1971, this nagging threat to blacks who refused to stand up and be counted was played over New York's WLIB radio. Other

searing collaborations be-tween Scott-Heron and pia-nist Brian Jackson followed, establishing the poet. Thiele was not without his personal vanity. In 1971 when I interviewed him for my

ouse awarded to Contrane for a million-plus sales of A Love Supreme. Thiele the producer was inordinately proud of this, as he was of the cover photograph be took, and displayed the disc in his office. When Coltrane visited, he took it down and hid it away — until the day the saxophon-ist turned up unexpectedly. Confusion ensued. "Oh," stammered Thiele, "I wanted this to be a surprise."

than your car because a car is only a lump of metal with no

car magazine Max Power, a Loaded-with-wheels insight into the world of boy racers,

Gloves off



feelings and it can't keep you warm in bed like a beautiful woman can. The Star Letter to the laddish

WHEN I came across the

article by Wilson and col-leagues entitled "Subjective effects of double gloves on surgical performance" I had lust tried a double-glove system myself for a thoractomy. I agree with the researches conclusion that "double gloves often protect the surgeon against needle perforation, but . . . impair comfort, sensitivity and dexterity". However, once the paper had caught my eye. I saw more in

it than that. I found myself pondering on the fact that, after generations of health workers have tried to protect patients from infection caught in hospital. we now seek to protect ourselves from the patients.

eye singeon who operated without gloves to retain the sensibility in his fingers, and of the thoracic surgeon... who had the right index finger cut off his gloves so that he could better feel the valve. More important to me was how this research into what

Then I was reminded of the

eye surgeon who operated

trasts with the old adage "do hands" — a piece of advice often given to young surthat slogan shallow to the point of being facile. It might apply to the choice of instruments, or how to tie a knot, but I have heard it used for valves...

Tom Treasure writes in the Lancet on the dangers of trusting your feelings.

mail jackdawâ guardian-.co.uk: fax 0171-713 4366: Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR JER.

T WAS as a cameraman that Mike Wooller, who has died aged 69, joined Sidney Bernstein's Granada Televi-sion from the BBC shortly beon the air in 1956. Soon he was a director, on the ground-breaking, tabloid-style Searchlight series, produced by the Australian Tim Hewat, and on World in Action. Wooller's career was to span the history of British com-mercial television. garet Weston, engineer, former director, the Science

boyant — nor was his person-ality — but he had large talents, among them the en-couragement of young direc-tors and producers. Brisk, cheerful and decisive, he moved on when he was bored and so was rarely bored for long. He made friends

movements, hands waving above the head and so on —

and traditional Labour dan-

cers are having a hard time distinguishing the sheep

from the wolves.

have become homogenised. Now the boundaries are hazy

Joyce Reynolds in 1953. **Barry Heads**

Michael Herford Wootler, television and film producer and direc-February 20, 1996

By last week, 13 were dead. Ebola had struck again. For

the third time in 12 months, one of the deadliest diseases

forests of Africa.

known has emerged from the

Time magazine reports on the

For the last eight years I've had the same girlfriend who's watched me spend all my dosh and lavish all my atten tions on the cars. Now she's

alas, to no avail.

Car trouble

AFTER YEARS of dreaming about Cosworths I finally acthe right price and the right insurance premium. I am a petrolhead in every sense of the word. Since I started driving I have owned, in chronological order, an XR3, Strada 130 Abarth, XR3i convertible, Golf GTi 8v, XR4i, Uno Turbo, another XR3i convertible, Mazda 626 16v Coupé (!), yet another XR3i, RS Turbo, Asleft me, the Cossie was the final straw. I was blind. After four months of owning the Cossie I sold it to try and sal-Now I live alone and drive a clapped out L6-litre 205 GTi. Fve learned my lesson the make the same mistake I did.

Treat your partner better

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Museum, 70.



Dance stance

CONSERVATIVE dancing skills are honed very early at Young Conservative dances, hunt balls and bashes where the conga is as ubiquitous as Chris de Burgh songs. Tory dancers like to join in and follow well-established patterns of behaviour, hence their uncontrollable need to start flapping their arms as soon as the Birdie Song rears its ugly head. Those who show any form of individuality are ruthlessly dealt with, or taken aside for a brief chat before being sent back to dance the party line the Tory way. But if it all gets just too much, there are plenty of alternative dance partners from the New Left's movers

Within the Tory posse, var-ious factions manifest themselves by breaking away from the pack. Rigidly bud-dled together and proudly sticking to a familiar edge of the dance floor with their backs to everyone, the Euroside to side in an isolationist huddle. They studiously ignore the more flamboyant Europhile dancers, who cross the frontiers of movements with puppy-like eager-ness, but no real

coordination. Europhiles are as much lespised by any European dancers present as the Eurosceptics. They look down their long European noses at the game attempts at Latin hip sways, dodgy German knee-slapping and primitive forms of samba head-

butting . . . The Far Left are easy to spot, sitting out more dances than they participate in. while arguing (sorry, discussing) the political correctness of the song and any accom-

panying dance moves. Does it denigrate women, children, the unemployed or small furry animals that cannot

voice their own dissent over being sung about? Is every-one fairly represented? Has everyone had their say? By the time all that's been sorted out, they have to move on to a motion to discuss who should be empowered by buying the next round. The Far Left, of course, would never dance to the Birdie Song. It's too demeaning to birds and anyway, you can't say the word "bird", people might think you are referring to a woman Most traditional Labour voters shy away from being movement fascists, so consequently anything goes short jerky moves, stomping on the spot, but nothing too steadily on the beat. Beware

coordination as any form of criticism is considered against the people's right of self-expression. Those who dance to the tune of New Labour are harder to spot. In fact, moves

that used to be definitely Tory

hip swinging, wide arm

of commenting on this lack of

Tamsin Kingswell puts her dancing shoes on in the first issue of the new "life with style" magazine, Dempsters. Dead meat WHEN TWO children from the remote village of Mayi-bout, in Gabon, discovered a dead chimpanzee lying in the

undergrowth near their home a few weeks ago, they were delighted. Bush meat is a delicacy throughout the rain forests of central Africa, and chimps are particularly prized for their size and scarcity. Villagers helped carry the primate back to Maylbout, where it was skinned. cooked and eaten. There the festivities ended. Within a week, nearly all those who

had prepared the animal for

high fever. Some began bleed-ing from the eyes and mouth.

the pot had fallen ill with a

reappearance of the Ebola virus. The cause of the disease is wuknown, but speculation now

centres on the possibility that it resides in small, forest-dwelling animals, and could be com municated by mosquitoes. Vilwarned not to touch dead

tra GTE 8v. Astra GTE 16v and finally a Cosworth.

track Rabbie

Taking tea with China's banker, page 12 Tomorrow: Riches for Hong Kong's few . . .

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Dictatorship of self-interest, page 12 . . . and growing misery for the poor

Finance Guardian

PROFITS at engineering group Vickers soared last year on the back of a strong performance by luxury car company Rolls-Royce and specialist engine firm Cosworth, writes Chris

Announcing group pre-tax profits 67 per cent higher at £75 million on turnover up 57 per cent to £1.14 billion, chief executive Sir Colin Chandler (pictured right) said Rolls-Royce was selling a richer mix of models. Profits at the automotive division aldoubled £40.9 million.

Sir Colin and his wife later exercised share op-tions to make a profit of £369,291. He brushed aside suggestions that Vickers may be a bid target for engineering group GKN. Nor was there any suggestion that BMW, Rolls' engine supplier, will take a stake

in the car business.

The company admitted it had technical problems with turret systems in its Challenger 2 battle tank, and profits simped in the medical division to £900,000 from £6 million. Management changes have been made and joint ventures are under consider-ation to boost the division's

Vickers shares ended 9p down at 279p as takeover speculation eased.



CBI derides Euro rhetoric

RITISH business risks being left be-hind in Europe be-cause of the poor quality of the political debate on key issues, according to the leadership of the Confederation of British

Instead of "extreme and often emotive" wrangling over economic and mone-tary union, Britain should tary union, Britain should ket process.

put competitiveness, growth and jobs at the top of the agenda.

The CBI stopped short of direct criticism of the Government, however, blaming we are being ignored."

"The political debate about Europe is far from satisfac-tory. Sometimes such is the high pitch that one wonders

ald, the chairman of the CBI's ities are not lost in the fog of European committee and vice-chairman of the Anglo Dutch group, Unilever.

As it launched its Business in Europe campaign yester-day in an effort to ensure that the voice of business is heard "loud and clear", the CBI called on John Major to seize the initiative at the forthcoming Inter-Governmental Conference (IGC) in Turin later. this month, not least in press-ing for speedy and effective completion of the single mar-

politicians in general for the quality of the debata. Mr Fitzgerald said: "The

He added: 'There is no credibility attached to the current British position in Europe. Whether that is right the perception that exists among our counterparts. They believe it is time to move forward with or without Britain and that would be very damaging.
"Until we can get people to

Britain's non-committal atti-tude towards monetary sgainst what are sometimes

for EMU did not preclude Britain playing an important part in formulating European Union policies.

The CBI campaign over the

next few months will try to stimulate a "more rational and informed debate". Sir Bryan Nicholson, the CBI president, said that small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) "are a very powerful group but our research shows that their levels of under-standing of the issues could ject of Europe we need people able to engage him in rational debate."

●Adair Turner, CBI directo general, said yesterday that he would support a cut in in-terest rates if one was agreed by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke and the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, at today's monthly

monetary meeting.
"We would be happy if the Governor and the Chancellor decided to have a small cut in judgement at the moment. we are being ignored."

be better. We hope that once quite fast... the manufactur.

The CBI acknowledged that SMEs are informed, they will ing slow-down is due to exports rather than the domes-tic situation. We believe the high pitch that one wonders which gives it that one wonders whether it can only be heard by dogs." said Niall Fitzger crucial that business prior: to opt-out, had contributed to "When an MP is putting year."

resources from rich to poor

The economic divergence

across Europe would

Commission predicts hard road to convergence

Julie Wolf in Brussels

vesterday admitted that slower economic growth would make it harder for European countries to meet the Masstricht targets on

man authorities revealed that unemployment hit another post-war record last month, with a jobless total of Guenter Rexrodt said the figures were worse than ex-pected and that it was "un-bearable for society" to have

so many people out of work. In its 1996 economic survey, the commission said it ex-pects growth of below 2 per cent this year, compared with last November's prediction of 26 per cent. It also called last year's 2.5 per cent GDP growth disappointing. The commission expects

quickly threaten to wreck the whole project. "It is very likely it would blow Britain's economy to con-tinue growing at "sustainable apart. I view it with great foreboding". rates" of about 2.5 per cent. Economic affairs commis-The former Chancellor thought that the main risk sioner Yves-Thibault de Silguy was notably cautious in to Britain of staying out-side was that the UK au-thorities might give the impredicting how many EU countries will meet the Maas-tricht criteria in time to take part in monetary union in 1999. He said only that a "sigpression that the reason for retaining economic sovernificant" number of member states will be ready. This comeignty was to devalue the Lord Lawson said: "That pares with previous predic would make the conduct of tions that a majority of the economic policy even more EUs 15 members will meet difficult than it already is, and the price would be higher interest rates." stiff targets on budget deficits and government debt by the end of next year.

Hong Kong Notebook

A budget Clarke could kill for



Alex Brummer

ONG Kong's 1996-97 budget is something of a curiosity. It is the first budget to be delivered by a Hong Kong Chinese, the new financial secretary Don-ald Tsang. It is also the first budget on which Hong Kong's new masters, the mainland Chinese were consulted. And it will be the last full budget delivered under the benign eye of British colonial rule.

Mr Tsang was not taking any chances either. Just in case the Chinese Premier. Li Peng, happened to be listen-ing, he noted that, while Hong Kong could take pride in East Asia's progress, it could take "even greater pride in the economic progress made by China". This, just 24 hours after Mr Peng listed the moth-erland's problems including a weak farming sector, corruption and crime. In its form, Mr Tsang's bud-

get looks like any other — in-cluding those delivered by our own Chancellor. But, in substance, Mr Tsang lives in a world which Western chancelleries could only dream about. First, there is the colony's reserves: an issue of great interest to Beijing which feared that, before the takeover, they might be dissipated on grandiose projects, like the new airport. Mr Tsang reassured everyone that at the end of the last cal-

endar year they stood at US \$57.2 billion — 12 per cent higher than the year before. Second, there is the vexed question of the budget deficit means after throwing money at domestic problems such as housing, education and economic infrastructure. In fact, the deficit turned out to be ance as anything else despite a growth shortfall in 1995 — and the 1996-97 projection is for a surplus of £140 million.

Indeed, even though conservatives in the colony con-stantly complain about budget profligacy, total public spending as a proportion of GDP will be 18 per cent in the new financial year — less than half the 40 per cent tar-get set by John Major's government.

And this, despite the fact

that Mr Tsang took the opportunity to "strengthen family values" by sharply increasing tax allowances and broaden-ing their range. Among the new tax breaks is a sibling allowance, for brothers and

ing and property taxes and most importantly of all, im-proved growth of 5 per cent this year, against 4.5 per cent in 1995. Eat your heart out Kenneth Clarke.

Chips are down

MONG the surprises in Mr Tsang's longer-term spending plans was the sudden recognition by Hong Kong, which has lived on its wits rather than its skills, that it has a steep scientific deficit.

A recently-published study by economists at the Chinese University of Hong Kong found that business in the territory spends just 0.04 per cent of GDP on research and development. The same study noted, however, that the People's Republic has a huge surplus in scientific skills, while Taiwan is particularly skilled in bi-tech design.

As an addendum to the budget, the financial secretary is launching a series of schemes to "secure a high technology base'. This will include a new science park to bring together local and technology based businesses and an industrial technology centre. It sounds like a great idea, except that the territory is decades be-hind such hi-tech leaders as Silicon Valley, Route 128 and Israel. Even given Hong Kong's reputation for getting things done, it could be too little, too late.

Global market

HE Hong Kong Stock Ex-change has been among the primary movers in giving Western investors direct access to mainland China corporations. Some 6 per cent of the market capital-isation, compromising some sented by China players But this is only part of the

ready co-operating with the Chinese exchanges in Shen-zen and Shanghal on regulatory issues, which can be a tricky business given the lack of experience of capitalism.

The stock exchange chairman, Edgar Cheng, believes. however, that by the year 2000 it might be possible to link the Chinese exchanges electronically with Hone Kong giving near instanta-neous trading between the three centres.

The Hong Kong exchange seems to have less trouble pushing back the frontiers than its London counterpart. which is still arguing about "quote driven" versus "order driven" systems, a quarrel which cost Michael Lawrence his job. Soon, however, the Hong Kong market will be making a direct assault on the

City itself.
Its new desk-based system allowance, for brothers and sisters living with the family, as well as a 14 per cent rise in allowances for "the third to ninth child".

If you happen to be the equivalent of John Major's middle-England family—

middle-England family—

The state of the sister of the s known here as the "sandwich | It's a great idea, except that if class" family of four — the mainlaind Chinese rule net tax bill will have been cut proves too heavy-handed, by an astonishing 43 per cent! Hong Kong could end up with This is to be paid for largely by higher excise duties, bet- exchange floor.

Lawson rocks Tory truce on monetary union

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HE former Chancellor, Lord Lawson, threat-ened to wreck the Conservative party's fragile truce over Europe last night when he launched a furious attack on the single currency project.
To the delight of back-

bench Eurosceptics, Britain's longest-serving post-war Chancellor warned cause economic damage and promote political extremism across Europe. Lord Lawson, in evidence to the Treasury select com-

mittee, strongly opposed the views held by the Chan-

mance, Lord Lawson said that monetary union was primarily a political project driven by Germany's fear of its past and the French desire to "corral Germany and abolish the Bundarbank".

He added: "I don't want us to join because it's, at best, premature and, at worst, extremely damaging It is likely to be damaging while the peoples of Europe are not in favour of submerging their autonomy, sovereignty and loyalty into a wider European loyalty.

Or the Dama Kingsdown, a keen supporter of monetary union, said: "I think they will make a success of it".

However, Lord Lawson

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tions open and play a full part in the preparations for a single currency.

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union would not go ahead as planned in 1999 was challenged by Lord Kingsdown who, as Robin Leigh-Pemberton, was Governor the less likely it is that the

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'I don't want us to join . . . it's, at best, premature, at worst, extremely damaging

BAT attacks regulator for delay

in pensions misselling review

said that the two main adcellor, Kenneth Clarke, would be to strain the polit-who said this week that ical fabric and give full rein costs for changing curren-Britain should keep its op- to xenophobes and demacies within Europe and the

slammed the industry regula-

propriate for all parts of the union at all times". In the absence of large-scale migration or wage flexibility - neither of which he thought likely -Lord Lawson said that the only way Brussels could ameliorate the impact of a

pound.

BSkyB tunes to Fraser boss ousted German pay TV

sion, Premiere, for £177.6 million. Premiere is jointly owned by Canal Plus, Bertalsmann and Kirch Gruppe. BSkyB is also forming an alliance with Bertelsmann, Canal Plus and Havas to develop European digital pay TV opportunities. BSkyB will take a 30 per cent shareholding in the new company, as will Bertelsmann and Canal Plus. Havas will have 10 per

More Lloyd's writs

struggle surrounding Lloyd's of London began yesterday with writs being issued by three Names. The writs, issued against Lloyd's itself, three former chairmen and other senior market figures, was known about the likely size of insurance claims for bers of the Asbestos Working first two months of the year to Party withheld information 350,774 cars, a rise of 2.11 per

lem from most Names.

Andrew Jennings, managing

director of stores group House of Fraser, was yesterday ousted by the group's board intensifying rumours that the group is vulnerable to a takeover, and sending the shares up 11p to 188p. HoF, which recently issued a profits warning, has been dogged by problems since being floated by the Fayed-owned Harrods

Cadbury Schweppes hit Cadbury Schweppes saw its shares fall 19p to 536p yester-day, after revealing a higher than expected £49 million restructuring charge for Dr Pepper, the drinks group it bought last year. Cadbury also confirmed that chief executive, David Wellings, will

350,774 cars, a rise of 2.11 per

Zantac sales fear hits Glaxo shares despite bumper year

Sarah Whitebloom

EARS over falling sales of Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug, saw Glaxo Wellcome's shares tumble yesterday it the world's largest selling despite the pharmaceutical group's disclosure of £2.5 billion pre-tax profits for

Glaxo turned in £1.9 billion in 1994, before its £9 billion around £1.5 billion was wiped off the group's value yesterday despite assurances from Glaxo Wellcome that increased profits from new drugs had minimised the impact of the 4 per cent fall in Zantac's sales.

According to Sir Richard Sykes, the company's chief executive, products launched since 1990 had contributed more than £400 million to Glaxo Wellcome's £7.6 billion

sales in the period.

than 40 per cent of Glazo's sales before its takeover of pharmaceutical product with sales of more than £2 billion. Analysts are concerned that, from the middle of next

Zantac accounted for more

year, Zantac is set to come under further pressure when US patents expire, opening up the erstwhile cash cow to fullblown generic competition in

Concerns are also focused on the performance of the group's second best-selling herpes drug - which it acquired as a result of last to lose US patents and, according to yesterday's fig-ures, competition in some of its markets have already seen sales of the drug fall.

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777 under fire for Trent engines worth \$175 Mark Tran and

Chris Barrie on United's swipe at Boeing reliability

NITED Airlines yester-day delivered a sting-ing rebuke to Boeing. the American aircraft manufacturer, over the reliability of its new 777 airliner.

The complaints emerged as Corporation placed a \$3.5 billion (£2.2 billion) order with Boeing's European rival, Airbus Industrie, for 46 aircraft, becoming the first customer for the A330-200 air-

Although the leasing group also ordered 18 twin-jet 777 aircraft worth \$2.8 billion from Boeing, ILFC's decision to place the bulk of the business with Airbus gave the Toulouse firm fresh heart last night after losing a series of recent orders to its Seattlesed rival. Airbus also won an order to lease four planes from Russia's Aeroflot Aero-engine maker RollsRoyce has orders from ILFC 777s have performed well.

million as a result of the Boeing and Airbus orders. United's director of field operations, Joseph R O'Gorman, has written to Boeing to express 'major disappoint and Allied Dunbar, yesterday ment" over the reliability of the 777. He said he was "very concerned" about "significant' problems, describing as "intolerable" the number of flight cancellations suffered, the out-of-service time and lion to compensate alleged the number of problems victims. Chief executive Marreported by pilots. United tin Broughton said it was reported by pilots. United took delivery of the 300-seater

777 last summer. It now has Ron Ostrowski, Boeing manager responsible for the 777, dismissed United's letter as "business as usual". He added that the two companies were working on solutions.
Since they began flying the
777 last June. United pilots have had five unscheduled landings. Last July, the land-

United and Boeing stresse that the problems were not chronic and did not pose safety problems.

ing gear on a 777 would not British Airways, with three

the claims by now, but the goalposts keep moving, and there has been an increasing tendency to allow hindsight to be taken into account." The PIA is reviewing thousands of personal pensions sold since 1988, when mem-

bers of occupational pension schemes were allowed to leave them for personal

bridge" before an absolute figure could be determined. BAT, which insures over a BAT, the cigarettes and financial services commillion motorists, also warned that car insurance premiums were likely to start rising over the next year. Mr Broughton said BAT, which raised premiums last year, had been followed by rival General Accident, with Direct

lot of water to go under the

tor, the Personal Investment Authority, for delaying its review of the pensions mis-selling scandal. BAT has set aside £172 mil-Line also likely to follow. His comments came as BAT unveiled record pre-tax profits of £2.4 billion for 1995, "still rather early" to say against £1.9 billion for 1994, what the final cost to life comfuelled by the sale of panies was likely to be. He went on: "We had boped we would have paid a lot of 670 billion worldwide.

> such growth could not continue in 1996. Among the countries where BAT cigarette sales have started to increase dramati-

But Mr Broughton ruled scnemes were allowed to leave them for personal out a demerger of BAT's finance and tobacco arms, or had only made a "best estimate" of how much the review could ultimately cost, and warned that there was "a demerger" of the Hanson about the extent of the proband warned that there was "a | demerger.

News in brief

BSkyB is taking a 25 per cent stake in German pay televi-

cent non-voting shares. cigarettes

But BAT shares still closed down 11p at 561p on fears that

cally are: Poland, Romania, Russia, Uzbekistan, Hungary and Vietnam.

A new phase in the litigation

retire in September. More fleet cars sold

Car sales were up 4.39 per cent last month to 159,013 cars, but private buyers continue to stay away from show-Motor Manufacturers and Traders yesterday. February sales lifted the total for the



THE MARKET: If the territory suffers the shakes after 1997, the tremors will hit the global market — the last thing China needs. writes Patrick Donovan

Closely observed trades. . . dealers at their screens on the main floor of the Hong Kong stock exchange



Dictatorship of self-interest

moment it looks as trois one in every four dollars deposited in Hong Kong's fi-nancial markets is tempted to lay into the Bank of England. But Beijing's most power-ful overseas banker did not rise through the Party ranks by speaking his mind. And he contents himself by expressing bland hopes that past 16 years. Britain's banking regulator will speed up its delibera-tions over Bank of China's plans to set up in the City of

London.

There may be less than 500 days to go before the last Union flag is hauled down in Hong Kong. But as Mr Zhang's difficulty in winning over the Bank of England demonstrates, Beijing will certainly not be able to call the shots with the international financial community. tional financial community will be enough to retain the district. And that includes 80 the Hong Kong operations of post-1997. This is the central confidence of the outside of the world's top 100 instituant of Bank of China and other argument that preserves con- world. Market doubts have a tions. Its stock exchange is state-owned financial institu-

Burdened by a huge budget deficit. China has simply no option but to honour its promises of retaining Hong Kong as an autonomous self-regulated state. Beijing generates one third of its foreign exchange through Hong Kong. And the colony accounts for nearly 60 per cent of about £360 billion worth of inward investment to China over the investment to China over the

China's programme of float-ing selected state-owned enterprises on the Hong Kong Exchange are well advanced, representing around 6 per cent of the capitalisation of the stock market.

Simple self interest, there-fore, dictates that China will want to foster the develop-ment of a Western-looking flnancial market.

There remains a question, however, about whether this

Exchange moves in to grab more Pacific Rim business

based share traders to deal directly in the Hong Kong stock market will tomorrow be unveiled by Edgar Cheng, the colony's stock exchange chairman, urites Patrick Donovan.

The Hong Kong exchange

nounce that it is studying ways of setting up an expanded Chinese share market which would tie up Hong Kong with the mainland's fledgling regional exchanges in Shenzen and Shanghai.

The move is Hong Kong's stock exchange chairman, writes Patrick Donovan.
The Hong Kong exchange

fulfilling.
You cannot look at Hong

Kong in isolation from the rest of the world's financial

community. If the territory gets the shakes, it will send seismic tremors through the

entire global market. More than 160 banks are

crowded into the colony's heaving Wan Chai business district. And that includes 80

made later this week.

Expansion plans are dealing. Now Mr Cheng based on the exchange's recent move towards help develop international remote terminal trading share dealings. The move is Hong Kong's is also expected to an- answer to rival bourses in

> exchange operation. Beijing's primary objective is, of course, to help develop Hong Kong as a means of gen-erating capital for developing China's infrastructure. To this end, it has ring-fenced

tions to allow them to launch | the financial centre of

across the Pacific Rim.
Mr Cheng yesterday admitted that he was preparing to unveil significant expansion proposals. But he said that he was unable to go into details until a public to the said that he was unable to go into details until a public to the said that he was unable to go into details until a public to the said that he was unable to go into details until a public to the said that the said that

David Li, Chief Executive of the Bank of East Asia which controls around 6 per cent of the Hong Kong market, cites China's appetite for money as the main reason for confilence post-1997.

which has until recently

been exclusively based in

building. A growing vol-ume of business has moved

colony's exchange

border financing.

The big snag for Beijing is that the more the mainland Chinese financial institutions attempt to play the open markets, the more they are ex-posed to criticisms about lack of transparency and vulnera-bility to bad debts.

Mr Zhang is still bitter about this issue, criticising Moody's for downgrading its credit rating — which last year forced the bank to abort a multi-billion dollar bondraising issue. The fund raising plan is still on hold.
The issue was pulled be-

cause investors had no confidence in an institution such as the Bank of China that does not even make public its precise profit figures. Mr Zhang concedes that more "openness could be needed". But others express Beijing's dilemma rather more strongly. Unless the Chinese are prepared to restructure

the banking sector com-

from the trading floor to brokers' offices, after deal-Monetary Authority. Its free dom to continue as an inde lic statement had been ers were offered the option made later this week. pendent central bank is guar-anteed under laws agreed with China for the running of

Hong Kong. Chief executive Joseph Yam accepts that he has been tailoring monetary policy to political events. Although he is committed to full interest rate deregulation, the HKMA has stopped short of complete liberalisation because of the risk that this "could trigger a

themselves increasingly side-

lined in the financial mar

kets. That seems a widely

Central to this debate about the future of the financial markets is the Hong Kong

held market view.

run on bank profits during the changeover period. "We need to pause and take a look at the effect of deregulation on the banks at a time when they could be effected by other issues".

Mr Yam says that the Hong Kong dollar will continue to be linked to the US dollar. And as for fears that Beij-ing could trigger a run on Hong Kong money, he says: This is a myth. There has been no outflow of money from Hong Kong. We have more reserves than the UK". regional research at brokers Wheelock NatWest, argues that politics "is a periodic player in the market rather than a constant". So much of the uncertainty is already discounted in share prices that

people are taking a relatively

sanguine view.



Underside

Jonathan Confino

The great hobby for visitors to Hong Kong is name-spotting. Take the bathroom fittings show-room called Euronate or the footwear maker. Lee Kee Boot and Shoes. Or would you trust the Honest Estate Agents or the High Gloss Property Company? For those who question whether money is the main religion in the colony, look no further than the business phone directory, where listings under the title "prosperous" total more than 100.

DILLIONAIRE Boug Kong businessman. Li Ka-shing, sometimes takes a rather unorthodox approach to investment. His proach to investment. His recent interest in bidding for the Canary Wharf office development evaporated after he flew to London to visit the site. After his chanfleur got lost in the East End and failed to find Docklands after more than Docklands after more than an bour, the entrepreneur returned to his hotel saying: "If we couldn't find it. how would we expect any

LIONG Kongers should lignore the upward movement of the Hang Seng index (the local equivalent of the FTSE). The Feng Shui of the FISE). The Feng Shui index is much more worrying. This is based on the predictions of the Feng Shui men, or spiritual advisers. They predict a violent downturn in the summer with only a partial recovery at the tail-end of the Year of the Rat. The the Year of the Rat. The mixture of fire and water is

THE next president of the UK Chartered Institute for Housing is a powerful man. He runs a bousing authority which has 750,000 properties on its books, builds 40,000 new homes a year and bouses half the population. To find such a man, though, the Institute man, though, the Institute had to cast its net a bit wider than the UK, where public housing are two very dirty words. The new top man is Fung Tung, heed of housing.
Hong Kong, where laissefaire translates as "positive
non-intervention".

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You cannot look at Hong tailsation and turnover. And Hong Kong operates the world's sixth largest foreign

support, but Mr Tsang said a pick-up in the pace of eco-

nomic expansion during 1996

The economy grew by 4.2

per cent last year — almost recessionary by Hong Kong standards — as rising unem-

would dent the jobless total.

overseas money-raising in China", says Mr Ll whose struments, particularly bond bank is very active in cross-

"The [equity] market will go up. China and Hong Kong need a lot of capital. That is why Hong Kong will remain

Rising unemployment has should be back to its trend added to calls for more state rate of 5 per cent by next year. rate of 5 per cent by next year. He also expected the colony to benefit from strong growth in the Chinese economy, espe-cially after June 1997. Li Peng, the Chinese premier, told the National People's Congress this week there would be an average rate of expansion of 8 per cent to the

end of the century.

Consumption should also benefit from a series of tax giveaways announced in Hohn Kong'sbudget, which Mr Tsang said would benefit 95 per cent of the population. But manufacturing will con-tinue to suffer from the relocation of production to the mainland, leaving Hong Kong even more reliant on the ser-

vice sector.
Mr Tsang therefore pledged
HK350 million on re-skilling
workers for new jobs in service sector firms, and the same amount for a new tour-

Mr Tsang looks over his shoulder to Beijing



THE BUDGET: China wants wealth, not welfare spending, reports Richard Thomas

Mr Tsang also confirmed plans to establish a mortgage authority to boost owner-oc-HE Chinese Communist Party directly influenced Hong Kong's final colonial budget, the colony's flnancial secretary Donald Tsang admitted yesterday. Unveiling the territory's budget for 1996/7, the last complete financial year be-fore the handover to China, Mr Tsang, said Beijing's views had been taken into

"We listened to their views. and you can see the result," said Mr Tsang, the first Hong Kong Chinese to hold the position of financial secretary. China has been worried about the state of Hong Kong's public finances, particularly recent rises in welfare spend-ing. "We persuaded them it

the black next year.

cupation, which accounts for 15 per cent of housing stock.
Market analysts said the body
would give a much-needed
shot in the arm to Hong Kong's infant debt market. They welcomed news that experts from the United States equivalent body, the Fanny Mae, are being brought to Hong Kong to advise the

Welfare lobbyists were critical, despite Mr Tsang's authorisation of a 15 per cent jump in welfare spending. They said the surplus should also have been spent, espe-

lic finances, particularly recent rises in welfare spending. "We persuaded them it would not have a long-term on more than he had to to

of the Singaporean welfare system. But a row has broken over whether the scheme should be run by the govern-ment or private sector firms damaged consumer spending, has delayed the starting date. But Mr Tsang said growth

ony would post a HK\$2.5 billion (£200 million) deficit, but shoulder at China. And Beijshould be HK\$1.6 billion in ing doesn't want welfare, they

For the longer term, Hong Kong is establishing compul-sory savings, along the lines

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recent rises in welfare spending. "We persuaded them it would not have a long-term impact," he said. In the current financial year, the col-

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THE BANK: Risky local outlook outweighed by regional potential, says Roger Cowe

THE outside world HongkongBank may be of HSBC, the institution which now owns Midland in Britain. But in Hong Rong. HKB is known simply as The Bank because it so dominates

the financial scenery.

Housed in a hi-tech build-ing designed by Norman Foster, the company is not satisfied with being the number one player in the colony. It also owns two-thirds of the separately quoted Hang Seng Bank (HSB) — the legacy of a property-induced lifeboat operation in the 1960s. This makes Hong Kong the largest contributor to HSBC profits.

Given the colony's changing status, however, such dominance has its disadvantages. First, the bank cannot escape any of Hong Kong's political or commercial tremors. Second, it is a target for every new bank on the block. HKB's share of local banking can

scraper next door symbolically overlooks HKB) snapping up retail customers. John Gray, chairman until

he retires in May, is sanguine about the political risk, al-though less complacent than some in the colony. And yes-

commercial issues from the political situation." he said, acknowledging that in the run-up to the handover confidence will be vulnerable. Every negative announce ment makes financial mar

kets shudder. "Hong Kong is terday he pointed out that the not a place that can close prospects for growth in the down and look inward." Mr region are an antidote to wor- Gray said. But he puts his

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only go down. And indeed it already has, with the Bank of China (whose shiny new sky- "It is difficult to divorce transition. "It is very impor- But there are huge opportu-Beijing of ensuring a smooth transition. "It is very important for the Chinese govern-ment's ultimate alm of peaceful reunification with Taiwan to demonstrate a smooth reunification with Hong Kong and Macau," he said. Confidence is also crucial

to the property sector. There

have been worries that too much has been lent to property companies and against property assets, with the conroperty values plummet. Mr Gray insists the situation is under control, and has improved since the peak of the market a couple of years ago. "The quality of regula-tion and of loan underwriting is much better now," he said. In addition the banks have

agreed with the authorities to limit direct lending on prop-erty to 40 per cent of their loan books, and to limit residential mortgages to 70 per cent of property values. Nevertheless HKB's bad debt provisions rose last year from HK\$174 million (£15 mil-

Countries throughout the region, from India to Vietnam, are liberalising banking regimes and HKB already has operations in 21 Asian countries. The plum is China's 1.2

billion population and Mr Gray is confident of picking it. Last year HKB was one of the first four foreign banks to ate in Beljing. And with a market that big, who cares about market share? As Mr Gray said: "Even 1 per cent is very attractive."

Tomorrow

Lives of the rich and the impoverished: some people have nothing to lose when the Chinese take over -the two faces of Hong Kong exposed

Motor Racing

Practice perfect for Prost

Alan Henry on the old master who has **David Coulthard for** a pupil this season

OR a driver still tipped for the top, a move from Williams to McLaren had to be McLaren had to regarded as downward mo-bility. But David Coulthard

does not see it that way.

First, his new team are no longer the uncompetitive, perhaps past it outfit of last season. The McLaren that the young Scot saw in the rear-view mirror of his Williams last year bore no comparison with the MP4/11 he will drive in Melbourne on Sunday. The new car was fastest during recent tests at Estoril with Mika Hakkinen at the wheel, and though currently brittle and unreli-able the Mercedes engine promises a major step for-ward in performance.

Second, Coulthard sees the move as a natural step in his own development as a driver, even though it was forced upon him. Tonsillitis had affected his speed in the early part of last sea-son, and Frank Williams told him that at its end his services would no longer be required. He had an apart-ment in Monte Carlo and a sional model for a girlfriend, but he faced im-

minent unemployment. Then he scored his maiden Formula One victhe key people involved."
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A word in your helmet . . . Prost makes a point to Coulthard in the McLaren pit during pre-season testing at Estoril

am at more at ease with my-

self and probably more relaxed within the team. "Top teams are top teams, whether it's Williams or McLaren. They are very comparable, despite differences in the character of Grand Prix, and when McLaren approached him but a motor racing legend. The Frenchman has been recruited by the Didcottest driver who became the based team to carry out test

grand prix victories.
Coulthard, 25, with barely 18 months' experience, is delighted to have him aboard. "Alain has 12 years in F1 and enormous success. It makes sense for someone with that amount of experience to drive the

car first. 'People didn't take it seriously when Jackie Stewart Alain to be part of the first suggested that grand prix drivers could be "We started talking coached, but I think the atti-tude is changing now. There is still so much for me to

It was Ron Dennis, the McLaren chief, who persuaded Prost to lend his talents to the apparently fading outfit. "In many other sports it is quite usual for a retired expert to take on a retired expert to take on a role in which they can pass on their expertise," he said. "It was therefore completely logical to want Alain to be part of the

together at Hockenheim last test driver who became the based team to carry out test inde is changing now. There race driver," he said. "Now I and development work, but is still so much for me to missed F1 in many ways, am coming into McLaren as obviously the four-times learn and I can either do it obviously the four-times a proven racer, with one win world champion can also the long way or take some trum of offers open to us,

"What evolved out of those conversations was a position for him within the company which represents a new career for him. The benefit for us is his input both in terms of developing the car and from a driving point of view.

"He has already made a great contribution in opti-mising the new car, and his expert contribution to the business of winning races will be invaluable."

Prost bimself says he is relishing the new challenge, but is quick to deny any speculation that he girl, and nothing more."

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and a few pole positions offer Coulthard and Hak-under my belt. Obviously kinen a wealth of experience they were achieved in a very good car, but in some ways I grand prix victories.

short cuta, even if it's just ranging from him racing the car through to some sort of a comeback on the track.
Alam's life as a driver."

It was Ron Dennis, the "What evolved out of to prove." he said "This to prove," he said. "This way I still feel one step up. When you are testing you are driving at only 95 per cent. The remaining five per cent is used up thinking about the car and how you are going to communicate what it is doing to the

engineers.
"It gives me the opportunity to drive some of the best cars in the world. If I went racing I think I would be one step down on the

One Man dress rehearsal has bookies at odds

LL concerned with One Man left Carlisle race-course on good terms with themselves yesterday morning after the Gold Cup favourite went through his paces over three fences and a circuit of the stiff Cumbrian track as part of his final preparation for Cheltenham.

However, bookmakers Coral took a different view. We weren't disappointed with his gallop, but we weren't particularly impressed either," said Coral spokesman Rob Hartnett.
"One Man got close to one

fence and was outjumped at another, so we have eased him to 5-4 favourtte from 6-5."

Ridden by his big-race jockey Richard Dunwoody. One Man jumped three fences in the straight accompanied by Unguided Missile, part-nered by Brian Harding, Al-though outjumped by his stable companion at the last stable companion at the last obstacle. Dunwoody was very pleased with the work-out.

"He felt great," said the champion jockey. "I didn't ask him too many big questions, but when he got in close to the second he fiddled it very well."

The two chasers were then icined by Stavers' Wurdle can

joined by Stayers' Hurdle can-didate Better Times Ahead (Tony Dobbin) for a stiff blow round the two-mile circuit, with One Man finishing full

of running.
"He took a good hold and seemed very keen going down the back, so I settled him in behind the other two," Dunwoody added. "He's done a nice piece of work without overdoing it."

Gordon Richards, trainer of One Man, is unlikely to be perturbed by bookmaker reaction. "What he's done However, it is good to see one of the leading firms taking a view, rather than merely acting like accountants, and Harmett also announced a change in Coral's Champion Hurdle betting. "We feel that the ground is

going against Alderbrook

going against Alderbrook next week and there is a question mark over the form of his Kempton win. He is now evens favourite from 10-11."

Good ground at Cheltenham will suit One Man, but Alderbrook boasts soft ground form, pure and simple, and I gather there are conflicting reports as to use conflicting reports as to Just how impressed Richard Dunwoody was with the cham-pion hurdler at Kempton.

Wincanton report good to firm going for their meeting today, conditions which should enable Gentleman Sid (4.40) to leave his recent form well behind in the Sparkford Handicap Hurdle. Winner of stayers' handi-caps on fast ground last Flat season, Gentleman Sid showed up well to two out in the three-mile hurdle won by Yes Man at Newbury last

Though a well-beaten fifth in the end, he was racing from 34lb out of the handicap on ground which the jockeys described as tacky. Back on his correct mark today, Gen-tleman Sid looks well worth

an interest. The ground has also come right for Distant Echo (3.10), who returned from a lengthy absence to finish a promising sixth behind Goldingo at War-wick recently. He can turn the form around with fourthplaced Tight Fist in the Tommy Wallis Hurdle.

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participation in the Gold Cup is unlikely to be made until tomorrow, when results of test taken after his disaptoday is just apot on. I'm very pointing performance at Hay-happy," he declared.

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TOP PORM TIPS Weekeby 8, Sterm Run 7, Pale Betting: 5-2 Storm Run, 11-4 Veekeby, 5-1 Pleasen Muzzz, Denomination, 20-1 Computered Lady

2.40 CONSTRAD HOWICE CHASE 2m of CLSTS 2.40 COMSTRAD MOVECE CHASTE SIN OF CLETTS

1 FP-S15 MARGLIAN BAY (33) Mrs J Presen B-11-10
2 D-101 BEX TO THE RESPONSE (2) R Alme 3-11-10
3 GR-S1 SEMBING LIGHT (49) D Michigan 7-11-10
4 P8-P BILEZ D-1785 CREWTH (257) Mrs C March 9-11-6
5 S4-20 CAPANININAY (26.) J (log 1-11-4
9 H CARROTT BAY (177) M (Dg 10-11-4
7 JAPI-S5 FRINGS MELIGITY (43.) F Techne 11-11-4
9 F-1033 GRIBERTA (2016 (3) N Michiga 1-11-4
9 SOPET MARGHINA (2016 (3) N Michiga 1-11-4
11 SS4-463 STAGE FLAVER (8) Mics C Carce 10-11-4
12 SS4-PG WEAR COTTAGE (171) (1867 6-11-4
13 FPOP RAINCHECK (7) Mark Campion 5-10-9
13 FPOP RAINCHECK (7) Mark Campion 5-10-9
14 SEMBING S-2 Cappenersy A, Shieling Light 7, Rec To The Fell Mething 5-2 Cappenersy A, Shieling Light 7, Rec To The Fell _R Fyrrad _R McHall _R Johann _Mr | Down

FORMA QUINDE - KENEP SIN DRAMINGS Led 2 out, clear last, was by 6 from Amencia (M QNOCHED MUTS Led app 2 out, soon bended and weakeped, just of 7, isto 271 to Alde

3,40 WHICARTON LOGISTICS HARDICAP CHARE 258 ST 15,005

*Bestings 11-4 Larry's Lord. 3-1 Hops And Pops, 9-9 Cornerder, 6-1 Paskto, Med Thyme, 9-1 Seven Of Tourness, 14-1 Bold Choice

PORMS GLERIE - COOKINS HELL: Led 3 css, won by 59 from Magacilla Marc (Wincassion Zeell, Gd-Fm). SOMEPAGETSY: Prominent in 8 css, 5rd, bin 311 to Cool Deem (Korepton 3m, Gd-St). SYLL: IN BUSINESSES Intention, Inequively to go Zest o cst, kept on only peop, 25 cd-St). SYLL: IN BUSINESSES Intention, Inequively to go Zest o cst, kept on only peop 25 cd of 4 finishers to Colonia Kelly, with DUSHT (or 40), led to 5 cst. proposed 4 cst, stryed on signar fat, 63 or (Newbory 3st, Gd-St).

RACTHAE BOY: No extra approaching last, 61 runner-up to Harrey Last (Extrer 2ndf110y, Gd-Fm).					
4.4	O SPANICFORD HANS	NCAP RUNDLE am et ca,e18			
•	/15206- FATHER DAI	(846) Gay Kalisway 7-12-1	L Revenitis (7)		
	SPEEDS PRIZE MATC	N (200 J Tuck 7-11-6	II III III		
3	DOOD HYLTERS CH	AMCE (26) P Hobbs 5-11-8			
- 4		HOAN (22) M firedstock 7-11-9			
-			Hembidge (7)		
- 5	215461/- KALAMOSIII (2545 N Michell 7-11-7			
		0 R Baker 4-11-6			
7	LICEO-40 DERSENG ES	EDGE (22) Mrs S Johnson 6-17-5			
- 8		(7) (BF) C Mann 5-11-5			
ě		(400) (D) J Alno 10-11-5			
10		(134) Miss C Caron B-11-1			
11	250034 ALLOW (24)	B Llawallys 5-11-0			
12	PO4000 KHAZARI (7)	R Brotherton 8-10-10	BAFRE		
13		0 P Hayward 8-10-7			
14	0P06 ROSEVEAR	21) 5 Wellor 4-10-4	K Maga *		
15	DOO EMINA GRENE	ES (45) J Moore 5-10-3			
16		1525 (43) A Jones 7-10-3			
17		520 (6) P Murphy 6-10-2			
10	3/P4PO-B FERRIT BALL	(21) A Denn 8-10-0			
19		WAST (203) N Thomson 12-10-0			
20		19-10-0			
-4	COLPM ENGRANCES	M ATTLE Receiver 71711	il Terrett		

21 FOP-CON RECOMENT FUN (17) R Buctier?-10-0 Brown T TOP FORSE TIPEs Geneticeupe Set 19, Large Branchyson 8, Inglandfor 7 Bettings 9-2 Geodeman Set, 6-1 Injunction, 7-1 Loge Branchyson, 8-1 Hyllers Chance, Father Dan, Alice, 19-1 Degreeg Bridge, 16-1 Mrs-Tucis, Tel E Thon, Quest Daven PRIME GUIDE - HYLTEDS CHANCEL Let et und im hended app 2 out, wedernod leut, this of 12 Enghers, bit 15 to Robbergussis (Newbury 2m110), Gd-Stt.

LUGS BRANNECAUS Ridden 2 out, one page, 5th bits it and Landed Genry, with DEFRING SPIDGE (no 2b) well bits 16th Rocco 12th, 5th out 12t

Hey). ALLOWE One pace from 4 cut, 4th, bin 274 to Forestal (Hereford 2m11, Hry). GENTLEMAN SIDE Long way cut of handicity, wind from 3 cut when around 301 5th bhd

5.10 arc diabond august haden hubble (DIV 2) \simeq 52,200 O A.R.C. DIAMOND JURDILES MARDEM MURDILE (DVY 2) 20
0 CLAYMOND JURDILES MARDEM MURDILE (DVY 2) 2
0 CLAYMOND LAD (223 J King 5-11-4
0 OLEMPYS PRODEC (20) G Bedding 5-11-4
10 KIRRY MODOLESCO (3) R Beber 5-11-4
20-24 MAJEOOR VAFOOZ (50) J Bostoy 6-11-4
20-24 MAJEOOR VAFOOZ (50) J Bostoy 6-11-4
500-07 DAMONNO RAMIETO (7) (19) M Boston 7-20-13
PO MINIS MONOWAIT (20) M TOOMSO 6-10-13
0 THAN ANY EVEN DEMARK (21) P Michael 6-10-13
207 TRANSTATION (20) P Hobbs 4-10-10
0 MOD BANDS ASS BACK (21) C Pophan 4-10-10
0 PARISTATION (20) P Hobbs 4-10-10
1 TRANSTATION (20) P Hobbs 4-10-10
2 TRANSTATION (20) P Hobbs (4-10-10)
2 TRANSTATION (20) P HOBBS (20)

OHN GUUDE - MAJBOOR YAROOZ: One pace when 4th, bin 121 pr Kelly Mac (Windsor 2 ASB. STIBEET: Ridden app 3 ont, taded to finish 8th, bin 371 bhd Sovereigns Penade (Her

ancials, 5 junes is received and 5 days, against ordinant cat, put of the overeights makes (maybes an, our Enther 3) and to Count heavy (Aspect 2m. Golf-m).

FAUSTITUDE in result from healthany when 10th, bin 60°, to Liectho (Explor 2m2), 60°; previously 60° of 20°, bin around 300° bind Demappel (Haydroct 2m, Golf).

1886; Prontinger to 3 out when distant 30° bind followas Bay, with BASS. STREET (Maybo) in 3rd place and weaklening when felt least (Mondacer 2m, Golf).

Results

1.65 (2m 1f Hole): 1, COAST ALONG, DJ Burchell (9-2): 2, Highest Roots (2-1 k lav); 3, Come On Rick Me (33-1), 3-1 k lav Real Popcom, 17 rsn. 11. 12. (D Burchell) Tots (148); (2-10, (2-20, (9.77), Dual F, 17.30) CSF, 218,

Sieszey (20-1). 10 ran. 11, 25. (O Sherwood) Tota: E1.20; £1.20. £1.30. Dual F: 24.70. CSF £4.56. Trio: £10.30.

JACKPOTT £7.427.60 = part wort. £7.427.67 carried forward to Carrisian today.

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ATTENDACEPOT: £37.60.

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CATTERICK

1.85 (2m 11Hda): 1, COAST ALORG, DJ |
Surchell (9-2): 2, Higheast Roots (3-1); 3-1 [stay): 2, Game On Riek Rie (3-1); 3-1 [stay): 2, Carrigean Lad (13-2); 3, 25 (2m 17 14 Gyds Ch): 1, 15 (0 Barchell) |
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WOLVERHAMPTON

1.40 (erg. 1, DEEFLY VALE, Mr K Goble
(B-1); 2, Demart Invender (100-30); 3, The
Fed (25-1), 3-1 fav Locion, 10 ran. 18, 3, (6
l. Moore) Tote: 08.50; 51.40, 52.30, 28.80.
Dual F. E. 30, CSP: 24.33, Tricant. 2427.10.
2.10 (90): 1, LET BOY, Mrs J Moore) 11-8
fav); 2, Sec-Deer (7-2); 3, Beet Kept
Secret (B-1), 9 ran. 28, 18, (A Moore) Tote:
52.20; 51.10, 51.50, 53.10, Dual F: 52.00, CSP:
68.73, Tricant 23.48, Trics; 51.20,
2.40 (1m: 100)dsh: 1, CHEF MOUSE, 8
Sanders (5-1); 2, Santa Clicus; 6-11; 3,
Tirre-Live (25-1), 3-1 fav Classic Beauty,
13 ran. Ni, 22, (R Charlton) Tote: 55.00;
51.70, 52.50, 51.00, Dual F: 52.30, CSP:
63.40,
3.10 (1m: 100)dsh: 1, LE SPORT, D
Wright (5-1); 2, Galapino (4-5 fav); 3, VicBus of Love (1-4-1), 7 ran. 8, 4, (A Balley)
Tote: 58.80, 51.90, 51.90, Dual F: 52.30, CSP:
59.67.
2.40 (1m: 47): 1, FIVER KEEN, W Woods
(11-2); 2, Morthern Union (9-4 fav); 2,
Cadder King (16-1), 11 ran. Hd, 3, (R
Armstrong) Tote: 50.50; 52.00, 21.70, 53.20.
4.10 (1m: 17 Tyyda): 1, NO SUBMESSOMA, A Cullaps (5-1); 2, Fireact 170-34.
Tric: 173.20. Disi + 12.50. Car : 1.17.80. House 1.17.80. This: E78.20.
4.10 (fiss if 79.yds): 1, NO SUPRING-SION, A Culbane (3-1); 2, Janogle Patrol (9-+ kry; 3, Yop Pat (9-1), 12 ran. 6, 6, (D) Chapmani | Tota: 22.50; 21.80, 21.10, 25.20. Dusi + 64.00. CSF: 10.55. Trice 125.70. API Miss Zanzibar.
4.40 (85): 1, Kirra, O Pears (5-1); 2, Checky Chappy (14-1); 3, Resnytholimo (7-1), 4-1 for Lord Sky. 10 ran. Hd, 38, U Syra; Tota: 17 st; 10, 04.80, 21.80, Dusi + 28 20. CSF: 1258.67. Tricest: 1467.51 Trice 1239.20. QUADPOT: \$13.50. PLACEPOT: \$13.50.

ALBERHARLE F Norphy 5-17-2

DOD BROOKT DESTRIY (200) 4 Goods 5-13-2

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DOT HARRYS BREIGHAL (5) M Macroport 5-13

PO-17 MARRYS BREIGHAL (5) M Macroport 5-13

PO-18 MARTINS SANDY (12) B Montagant 5-11

PS-18 MOSTER CASUAL (26) W Pace 7-13-2 USING MONEY CHOOSES (12) MAS A SWINDOWS OD SELVER PRIDE (12) J. FREGMAND 8-11-2. THE ALAMO R Colles 5-13-2. 2-3 THEMICIDISTO (12) J. Wilson 6-11-2. 246 TURLYMUNRY TOPF (27) J. Millson 5-11-2. D WOLF TONE (12) MAS M Reveloy 7-11-2. DO AMCKEY VALLEY (13) R WHISTER 7-10-11. DP CENTRING KATE (83) S KRIBOWNI 8-10-1 70P PORM TIPS: Carley Last S, Out Sy Hight 7, Tre Bettings 4-5 Carley Lad, 6-1 Albermarie, 10-1 Tultymerry Toti, Tremendiste, 12-1 Out Sy Night, Wolf Tone, 16-1 Salver Pride, Philhermone, Mister Casteri 3.00 GELFER FOF HOYICE HANDICAP HURBLE See 110yes \$2,472 3.00 GELFEN WINF HOYICE MANDICAP HURBLE film 110ydm
304 422-US BLACK MAGGE WOMAM (5) Hotless 6-11-10 ...
202 4-058 VALLEY CARDEN (7) O'Neil 6-11-10 ...
203 90-058 VALLEY CARDEN (7) O'Neil 6-11-10 ...
204 1205 COOPIERBRIEST (12) W Kemp 5-10-13 ...
205 5050P- ABREVIANDS (202) J H Johnson 6-10-11 ...
206 5050P- ABREVIANDS (202) J H Johnson 6-10-11 ...
207 5050S WELLES BLACK (6) F, Murragh 5-10-10 ...
208 2504-P1 SLAUMHT SOM (9) (605 eq.) R Fother 8-10-7 ...
209 0-093 SHALMON LAD (20) A Carnol 6-10-4 ...
210 0-0958 WILMAN (5) M Hurmond 8-10-4 ...
211 0-0959 JUST FOR ME (9) JUNO 7-10-0 ...
212 0-4005 RASCALLY (8) Mrg L Scholl 6-70-0 ...
213 0-0555-P PERRAIT COTTAGE (8) Mrs K Whitnosase 8-10 ...
214 0-0551 The Sout S. Shamping Lad 7, Resouly 6 3.30 EDWINNEN WOOLLEN MILL HOYICE CHASE 2m 41 110y4s C3,524 401 1-1111 THE GREY MONK (12) (CD) G Richerts 8-11-13 A D
402 216-405 CALERROY (22) D Lond 8-11-3 A D
403 PJ CARRIBONSY (7) J Hellens 8-11-3 A D
404 PJ CARRIBONSY (7) J Hellens 8-11-3 P D
405 6P2/2JD- HOWCLEUCH (238) J Oliver 9-10-12 TOP FORM TIPS: The Grey Mock 9, Paglincolo 6
Betting: 1-6 The Grey Mock, 8-1 Paginozio, 14-1 Calleracy, 23-1 Ho DEM TIPS: Rachael's Owen S. Chestry Boath 7, Burk'n'bite & Bettlings 6-2 Bent a tolte: 4-1 Chemny Bessit, 5-1 Rachael's Owen, 6-1 Val De Rama, 7-1 T O O Mayross's 80-1 Saperhoo, Rallagio, 13-1 Kirstanboach

4.30 PITLOCHEY KHITHEAR HAHDICAP CHASE Son 21 C2,856 44.30 PITLOCKEY KIRTWILAR RANDOCAP CRASES for 22 C2,806

901 1128 ECCRISIONE THE THIRD C28) (C) (FG) C Richards 10-12-0

902 51-1101 SEVEN TOWERS (26) Mr. M Reveloy 7-11-0

903 219-92 STROMA SOURD (12) P Cheesbrough 9-11-1

904 PICPAS MILLS BLL (19) (C) T CORRECT 10-11-5

905 192-95 ASTROMA (14) PICPC CARRON 8-10-15

907 192-95 ASTROMA (14) PICPC CARRON 8-10-15

907 192-95 CARROMER (14) PICPC CARRON 8-10-15

907 192-95 CARROMER SOURCE (15) FIREBER (16) 10-15

908 192-95 CARROMER SOURCE (16) (50) M Hammond 13-10-4

909 192-95 CARROMER SOURCE (17) (6) C Parter 11-10-2 TOP FORM TIPS: Seven Towers 8, Kilcolpan 7, MeGregor The Third 6 Beltilags 5-2 Saven Towers, 9-2 McGregor The Third, 6-1 Autings, 7-1 Mits Mij. Strong Sound, 6-1 Carouse Rockel, Kilcolgain, 12-1 Lucy Minstrel. 25-1 Born Deep

ST. ARRIGATS SPORTSWEAR COMPANY OF MIN HO FLAT NACE 201

1 RIVER RETH (78) LL LINGO 6-11-1

03 BOMLARDS COURTRY (78) G Moore 5-11-4

04 GRAND CRU (100) (RF) Mrs M Revolvy 5-11-4

8 MAUTELIS THE THORD (78) M Hammond 5-11-4

5 SP PAPPA CRAFTEL (100) (RF) G Parks 5-11-4

PHATTLAND SPOURS J JOHN SO WINDOW 5-11-4

RATHING STATES G RESIDENT 5-11-4

RETHER LAWRENCE 5-11-4

REYE STEEL LAWRENCE 5-11-4 NYE BUM J Ayreley 5-11-4 O TARTAM MIX (783 J Moore 5-11-4 O ROSE'S DOUBLE (100) A Eubank 5-10-13 ... **油食** I CARLISLE BANDITO'S (22) J Berry 4-10-10 ...S keweren (r)
...F Leaky (3)
...H Waggett
...H Herroeks (7)
....G Cabill (5)
...IN Foster
...A Rooke (3)
....A South (7)

Towcester

2.20 WEATHERWAR RACREARD CONDUC 557-05 CHOHAME QUAY [04] G Balling 7-12-0 1PKI SEMARAR (61) N Graham 5-11-9 640-51 FLOW (21) (b) R Buckler 7-11-7 375644 FERTAINDI (20) G Hubbert 8-11-7 24250 ROBALTO (7) M Banakard 8-11-4 242501 ROBALTO (7) M Banakard 8-11-4

TOP PORM TUPS: Simpler & Floor 7, Politorgic 8 Rettings 4-1 Flow, 9-2 Streeter, 6-1 Carrig Descer, 7-1 Petergh, 5-1 Artent Love, Casers a Boy.

Rhitebonnet, 16-1 Romette, rigits Mary Defi

2.50 John Weiser Memorial Novice Chase \simeq 67 (2),400 2.5-O JOSE WIREHER MISSIONAL MOVING CHARS 2:

1 IV/I-FF BRINGH (5) 7 FORCER 7-11-10

2 204- ACROSSATZ (7-12) N Henderton 7-11-3

3 COSETP- NO. BA AD WICLE (562) B FORCE 8-11-3

5 EVID-G DELTA POACTSOT (7) M BENAR 7-11-3

6 EVID-G DELTA POACTSOT (7) M BENAR 7-11-3

7 DPID-OD MAKES ME GOOSEY (19) Mrs I BECKI 6-11-3

9 DPID-OD MAKES ME GOOSEY (19) Mrs I BECKI 6-11-3

0 CHAP PALM COURT (22) Mrs. I Williamon 11-5

10 THE GO ANEAD (5-9) T FORTHE 6-11-3

11 130-00F TRIBERS SANTS (13-3) T FORSET 7-11-3

2-3 THERE SANTS (13-3) T FORSET 7-11-3

TOP FORM TEPS: Street & Chicagonnoi 7, Pales Court 6

Settings 2-1 Agnolyte, 7-2 Just Bruce 6-1 Maren's Law, 7-1 Wallday Tell. Coverta Boy, 6-1 Don Du Cadran, 18-1 Haerhome Glen TOP FORM Tipd: Manciete S, Just Broce 7

3.50 HORCHST PANACUR ERF MARKET THE HOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIED) 2m 81 C3,134 SO HORCHST PARACURI ERF MARRES 18P NOVICE HURBLE (QUALIFIER)
Sti. CARREL 19 JOY (46) 1 George 7-11-0

- 100 MERILMA (520 DO) 3 Hugbard 6-11-0

50 SERSEY GALE (244) 1 Forsice 6-10-7

GALEGORIES ELERABER (80) 6 Bidding 1-10-7

PO-045 CENERWEN (22) 1 Greathed 6-10-7

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PO-DAWE GALE (440) J Picketing 6-10-7

DO-OFTINIA ROSE DAWH (4276) Mins V Williams 6-10-7

DO-GULDORANS LASS (633) J P (Urson 5-10-7

DE JOY FOR LIFE (24) R STOOGE 6-10-7

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DE LADY MIGH RERESET (8) T FORSIS (-10-7

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DE SEEN, ROAD (21) G J HEUGHO 6-10-7

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DE MESS ROGLATTE (13) C Night 6-10-7

DE WAR HEROCHE (24) R STARS (60) T FORSIS (-10-7

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SO WICKLESS ONE (601 C) BERNEY (-10-7

DE SEEN COMPANY (-10) STARS (60) T FORSIS (-10-7

O-0 WAR HEROCHE (24) C MASS 6-10-7

SO WICKLESS ONE (601 C) SEE STARS (50) T STARS (-10-7

DE SEEN TOPS (GEORGE) C AS SEE STARS (-10-7

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TOP FORM TIPS: Glongartif Cirl 5, Sall By The Stars 7, Carmel's Joy 6 Bettings 2-1 Georgan't Curt, 9-2 Sail By The Stars, 6-1 Cormet's Joy, 8-1 Lady High Sheriff, Meillens 14-1 Briany Gale, Carole's Crasader, Lady Noso

4.20 SWAN MATICHAL HANDICAP CRASE 3m 11 EX,563 5 S/26-68 ASCOT LAD (6) B De Haan 11-10-12
6 8/2365- SWINNON CROFT (677) (C) F Lloyd 14-10-0
7 155-340 MWERKER (53) (C) P Weither 18-10-5
8 P-PRSS STEEPLE JACK (17) K Behop 9-10-3
9 SS-PPG WOODLANDS POWER (10) P Prichard 8-10-0 TOP FORM TIPS: Steeple Jack 8, Hickory 7, Sharesaich 6 Betting: 2-1 Mickey, 4-1 Steepts Jack, 11-2 Derrymosa, 8-1 Buckshot, Mesentch, 10-1 Den't Light Up. Ascol Lad, 20-1 Sedimos Croft, Woodingts Power

4.50 Fine LACE HUNTERS' CHASE (Apparature) See 1f \$1,282 , Mars L Mosses (7) . B Politick (8) . P Scott (7) + Mrs C Bahress 7/65/L2 - RICHARD HURT (282) Mrs 7 Rose 12-12-6
1720-12 TRAPLANTER (13) (20) Mrs C Sanders 13-12-6
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European Cup, quarter-final, first leg Borussia Dortmund 0, Ajax 2

Champions in a class of their own

David Lacey

ERRY VENABLES last night saw Ajax give another demonstration of the finer footballing arts as they dominated the opening leg of their quarter-final against a Borussia Dortmund team reduced to 10 men for the last 25 minutes by the dismissal of

England will be facing the bulk of the Ajax side when they meet Holland in the European Championship. Edgar Davids, inevitably at the heart of Ajax's movements, put them ahead after seven minutes, then set up Patrick Kluivert for a second goal with a superbly angled pass eight minutes from time.

Ajax came to the Ruhr un-defeated in 17 consecutive Champions' League fixtures and Borussia Dortmund went into the match knowing that, since no German side had beaten Ajax in Amsterdam for 38 years, their hopes of a semi-final place rested largely on being able to ride to victory on the wave of the Bundesliga's most passionate

support.
The support was as noisy as usual, but within seven minutes it had begun to sound a little hollow. Davids, who had begun the match playing very deep, hanging around among telling run from his own half through the outer layers of Dortmund's cover before ex-changing passes with Kluivert, holding off the combined attentions of two defenders and shooting low past Klos's left hand. Davids had taken over Seedorf's stealthy role to

Dormund are challenging Bayern Munich closely for the German league leadership but last night their football became caught up in the com-plexities of Ajax's thought and technique. It was like puter; a potentially good move would break down be-cause the opposition were altimes the switching of posi-tions was bewildering to watch, let alone play against. Kanu, one of the two Nigeri-

ans in the Ajax side, tended to stay up front but Kluivert was often back helping Blind and Silooy break up Dortmund attacks. The speed at which Ajax would break from deep defence to all-out attack was, as ever, one of the most satisfying aspects of their game. In one such move, after 19

minutes, Blind's through-ball set up a rapid series of passes which would surely have pro-duced a goal had Bogarde and Kluivert not both gone for the same scoring chance. Borus-sia struggled to thread even orthodox passing movements together. And they are by no means an unaccomplished

Eleven minutes before halftime Borussia found some-thing they recognised, a free-kick just outside the penalty arc. Berger's shot cleared the line of defenders but Van der Sar still managed to punch it

That was about the sum achievement of Borussia's attack in the first half. However, the introduction of Herrlich, an extra striker, for Schmidt in the second gave Dortmund more attacking momentum.

With Sammer moving for-ward, the quality of Dort-mund's crosses improving, and Reuter now cutting smoothly past Ajax defenders from the right, the evening at last held some promise for the Germans. Not that Sammer stayed around for long to help fulfil it.

After 61 minutes he was booked by the English referee Dermot Gallagher for a foul on Musampa, who had replaced Wooter at half-time. Four minutes later he fouled Musampa again, and red followed yellow.

Bords Ja Dertsmund: Klos: Schmidt Herrich, In-t), Kohler, Sammer, Julio Casar, Recter, Freund, Berger, Ricken, Riedle, Reinhardt. Ajam Van der Sar, Resuger, Bland, R De Boer, Slicoy, George, Wooler (Nusampa, In-1), Davids Bogarde (Kuivert, Kanu Referees D Gattagher (England)

Forest stirred for final shake-up

Martin Thorpe

says Bayem must be less complacent for the second leg

OR some reason, Bayern
Munich blast out Land of Hope and Glory over the stadium Tannoy in the seconds before the kick-off of every home game. It is a sort of theme tune. Presumably not realising the significance it holds for the English, they let this stirring anthem ring out as the teams lined up for the start of Tuesday's game. For Nottingham Forest it

acted like a battle-cry.
That was not the only thing Bayern got wrong about Forest. The Germans' measured approach to the game seemed to contain a streak of complacency which, given the final result, suggests they fell into the trap of underestimating Frank Clark's European

warriors.

They will be wiser for the second leg in two weeks' time, knowing also that if they can manage even one goal Forest will need to score twice. something they have not done

pean games so far, merely to draw level overall. The second half of Tues-day's match, when Clark instructed his team to come at Bayern more rather than just sit back, might be Forest's way forward. "We realised that if we had a go at them they didn't look so clever," Japhet N'Doram (28th min-sald Steve Stone. "In fact ute) and Nicolas Ouedec after about 10 minutes I (65th), despite having Reythought they're not that good | naid Pedros sent off.

at all really, certainly not as good as Auxerre whom we played before. Stone was proudly carrying

the shirt Jürgen Klinsmann had worn in the game. The German striker had specifically gone over to the England winger on the whistle to present it as a way of saying sorry. He had read a story that Stone was upset after the game between Forest and Spurs a year ago when the chirpy Geordie had gone up to him to ask for his autograph; Klinsmann, not recognising Stone, had given him a half-hearted souiggle.

"I gave him a match ticket to sign, which I was going to give to my mum," said Stone.
"But all I got was what
amounted to a brush-off. So [for him] to come up to me after Tuesday's game and offer me his shirt was a great

Forest are honing Kline. mann's old club Tottenham will be equally generous in their fifth-round FA Cup tie on Saturday, particularly as Pearce is doubtful because he is feeling sore after his return

from injury in Munich.
A Forest win this weekend would set up a hectic 10 days for the club. The sixth-round tie against Aston Villa is on the following Wednesday, a week before Bayern's visit. For Forest at the moment, England is a land of hope and

possible glory.

Nantes beat Spartak Moscow 2-0 in their European Cup quarter-final last night with goals from their strikers

Fry confident of landing Guy

BARRY FRY has a few deals to complete before he has to go cold turkey after the transfer deadline on March 28. For a start, the Birmingham City manager is month's loan and is ready to ready to exchange his mid-fielder Jonathan Hunt for ton on a free transfer. But Sheffield Wednesday's Guy Whittingham and £750,000.

tingham move will go through." he said. "David Pleat offered me Mark Bright, first time this year when they John Sheridan and Chris Waddle but Whittingham is the one for me. He's got a proven goalscoring record came on as substitute to bring and in this division scored 47 | the number of players Birin one season for Portsmouth. | mingham have used in their That's what he's capable of."

Fry also hopes to recruit two young Lincoln City de-fenders, Matt Carbon and Ben Dixon. He has sent Steve Finnan to Notts County on a ton on a free transfer. But Lou Donowa's proposed move to Swansea City has fallen "I'm confident the Whit through after a medical diag-

beat Wolves 2-0 on Tuesday. Paul Barnes, the striker Pry bought from York this week first team this season to 42.

Premiership A Villa 3, Sheff Wed 2

Blinker sight for sore eyes

WO FOREIGN imports, Regi Blinker and Savo Milosevic, scored a brace of goals apiece at Villa Park last night, but it was Villa's Irish Interna-tional midfielder Andy Townsend who settled maters and kept Villa's Eurocharge very much on course with a rasping 20vard winner.

Blinker, Wednesday's Dutch import, needed only eight minutes to make his mark on a game crucial to both sides. David Pleat's latest foreign buy seemed trapped near the left corner flag, but a delightful back-heel flummoxed the Villa defenders Charles and Ehlogu and he was away.
Dancing round McGrath he
drew Mark Bosnich and
chipped into the far corner.
It was a goal to take the

breath away, but Waddle, the one domestic talent the Continentals still covet, was not to be upstaged. He worked a neat one-two with Whittingham to slice open what was until two weeks ago the Premiership's meanest defence before crossing to Pembridge. His touch saw the ball brush an upright roll along the goal-line before a grateful Bosnich could reclaim it.

Waddle, fed by the industrials and the same that the same that the same that the same to be same to be

trious Hyde, volleyed wide in first half injury-time, Villa by then only having had a fierce left-footed Mi-losevic drive to salute.

after the interval. Milose vic acrobatically volleyed into Wood's arms, giving the Villa Park faithful the now familiar head-in-hand pose. The Serbian had to repeat it after rattling the crossbar with a flerce drive, but within a minute he was able to celebrate his first goal in 13 games. It came when Briscoe, de-

fending on the goal-line near the corner flag, inex-plicably looped the ball back to his own goalkeeper. Woods was rooted to the spot as Milosevic rose to head home from two yards.

This was a signal for two

more goals in as many min-utes. Dwight Yorke's de-flected shot fell perfectly for Milosevic to grab his second, and immediately after the restart Blinker exploited some hesitancy between McGrath and Ehiogu with a snap shot. The ball cannoned into one of his his path for him to volley home his second goal and bring the sides level.

With the crowd still reeling, Yorke backheeled into Townsend's path and the midfielder's drive left Midifelder's drive lett Woods grasping at thin air. Asten Ville Beanch, Charles, Wight. Southgate, McGraft, Schreez, Josehm, Eliogu, Milosevic, Vorlee, Townsend, Stretfield Wednesday: Woods, Atherton, Notan, Pembridge, Blunker, Hyde, Walker, Waddie, Kovaçevic, Whitmigham, Briscoe. Referese D Elleray (Harrow).



Leap in the dark . . . Wednesday's Darko Kovacevic rises above Paul McGrath at Vilia Park

Premiership: Queens Park Rangers 1, Leeds United 2

Deadly Yeboah given free ride

Joremy Alexander

EEDS UNITED, watched by Liverpool's manager to play his way out of trouble. Roy Evans, could have been forgiven for playing like vet be successful. a side in their cups and out of

Ready had not cleared off the line, declaring their team by line. Leeds, already in the fax from the coach and arriving only half an hour before the FA Cup quarter-final with | kick-off, Rangers, however, Liverpool on Sunday in good

heart. The Queens Park Rangers nanager Ray Wilkins, measuring words as carefully as passes, said beforehand: "We are still in a dodgy situation but, two games undefeated, minutes Palmer received we are on a run." minutes Palmer received from McAllister, fed Gray on

their league.
Instead they ended a run of four league defeats through two goals by Yeboah, who would have had a hat-trick if

I less likely as Leeds moved easily into a 2-0 lead. By the half-hour, though, the home side had halved the deficit.

Leeds had cut their journey

were the ones caught cold. Too often they ended their handfuls of passes with a speculative punt forward that Wetherall and Beesley gobbled. It gave Leeds the chance to settle and more. After 10

Like many of his runs it has not taken them anywhere, but has raised supporters hopes that his determination to play his way out of trouble. reaffirmed yesterday, might yet be successful.

After 25 minutes it looked less likely as Leeds moved less likely as Leeds moved he had a left arasping shot.

The right and Yeboah lost his goalkeeper had not parried from Gallen again as the Ranger responded first to Barker's quick free-kick.

After the interval Rangers' midfield, stepped up the pressure. Lukic kept out Dichlo's shot and Holloway's header, boah again. Running through the nin a double save the goal.

Ready and all soon lost Yeboah again. Running through the middle he passed to Brolin, floated right behind the defence and found himself equally unoproced to score

from the return.
Rangers had threatened little except through Sinclair, who successively tied Worthington and Wetherall in knots without an end product.
Then Gallen brought a sharp save from Lukic on to the post before he went one better. Crowning Dichio's attacking run with a turn and shot.
Rangers would have been level at the interval if the knots without an end product. minutes Palmer received Rangers would have been from McAllister, fed Gray on level at the interval if the

then in a double save the goal-keeper pushed out Yates's beader and Wetherall blocked Barker's follow-up.

villain, handling a harmless cross under Dichio's pressure, but Gallen's penalty, weakly struck, reprieved him. Wil-kins's run had ended. Rangers, for the 13th time in the league,

1995. So far this year has gone

Mark Philippoussis and the former Grand Slam Cup win-ner Petr Korda, and he reached the semi-finals of the Shanghai Open early in Febseille he came close to beating the former French Open

Burnley bring Heath back to the Moor

DRIAN HEATH WILL

lan Ross

today be named as the manager of Burnley, the club he left less than three months ago The former Everton for-

ward has accepted the Lanca-shire club's invitation to succeed Jimmy Mullen, who resigned last month. He will be introduced today at a lunchtime press conference. After three successful play-ing years at Turf Moor, Heath

departed in December to take Michael Thomas is still une gral part of a side with detune the post of assistant to the decided as to whether he signs on the Double, he has Martyn.

Sheffield United manager | should accept Liverpool's | been injured or out of favour | Bruce Rioch, who missed Howard Kendall. He has appeared for United this season but it is unclear whether he intends to continue his playing career at Turf Moor. Burnley lie 17th in the

Second Division and are in danger of being relegated for a second successive season. Heath, aged 35, has beaten a to land the job. Among the leading contenders were Mike Walker, the former Everton for £1.5 million from Arsenal manager, and Brian Laws, the | at the end of 1991, currently Grimsby manager.

Rugby Union

Tennis

est decision of my career." he said yesterday. "It's 50-50. I honestly don't know what I "My heart says I should stay and sign but my head says, what happens if I do sign and then find myself in host of more experienced men the reserves for 31/2 years?

finds himself feted as an inte-

offer of an improved 3½-year for much of his four years at contract. "It will be the hard- Anfield. Everton have failed again to persuade Oldham Athletic

to part with their England Under-21 goalkeeper Paul Gerrard. Joe Royle lodged a bid of about £700.000 at the weekend only to be told -much as he was a month ago - that Gerrard was not for sale. With the 37-year-old Neville

Southall yet to sign a new contract, the Everton manager may switch his atten-tions to Crystal Palace's Nigel

Arsenal's 3-1 over Manches-ter City on Tuesday night, reported to have been in Milan watching Bixente Lizerazu, France's little attacking left-back, play for Bordeaux in the Uefa Cup quarter-final first leg.

The French were unerly subdued at San Siro: Bordeaux lost 2-0 and Lizerazu earnea a lowly five in L'Equipe. But Bordeaux may not be ready to part with their captain for £3 emy Bates to pull out of the ATP Challenger in Stock-where he was to play nated by Milan; they still have some way to go to avoid rele-

holm, where he was to play the German Lars Rehmann in the second round.

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MILLS LANE has been named to reter-ee Frank Brisin's WBC heavyweight title defence against Mike Tyson or Les Vegas on Saunday week. Lene has been the fillrid man in 75 world championskip fights; the Nevada Atthetic Commission also ap-pointed the experienced British referee Larry O'Connell as one of the three judges along with the American Jerry Rom and the That American Jerry Rom and the That American Jerry Rom and

guilty of punching Scotland's captain Rob Wainwright dur-ing a ruck at Murrayfield last The hearing, chaired by France's Marcel Martin, examined video footage of the incident and decided the evidence of deliberate foul play was inconclusive. Leonard had been cited by the Scottish,

Rugby Union last Sunday.

An SRU spokesman, Char-He Laidlaw, said last night:
"While accepting the commissioner's decision, we're extremely disappointed that no action is being taken against the player." Leonard would bave faced a

30-day suspension if found guilty. Now the first Englishman to be cited will be free to win a 49th cap against

The Harlequins player said after the hearing: "I was al-ways confident I had not been ways confident I had not been guilty of an act of foul play."

France have dropped Thierry Lacroix, the leading points scorer in last year's World Cup, for the Five Nations game against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday week. He is replaced in the centre by Stephane Gias. Marc de Rougemont returns at hooker and Sylvain Discame hooker and Sylvain Dispagne replaces the injured Fabien Pelous at No. 8.

Tennis

Another scalp for Henman

TIM HENMAN confounded the rankings for the second day in succession yea-terday at the ATP World In-door event in Rotterdam, where he beat the Spanish world No. 58 Carlos Moya 7-6.

6-4 to claim a quarter-final place, writes David Irvine. The 21-year-old from a third crack at the world was beaten in straight sets by the American when he qualified for his first big ATP Tour event in Tokyo in 1993 and again when given a wild card into Wimbledon last year.

Henman again had to qualify for the main draw this week but that may soon not be necessary for a while, as earning a quarter-final place should lift him from 79th to a mid-60s ranking, Moya, 19 champion, soared from 346th to 63rd in the rankings during

well for Henman, who is hap-piest on the faster surfaces. In Australia in January the young Briton had notable wins over the talented 19-year-old ruary. More recently in Mar-

Rugby League

the That Anek Honglongkam

• Newcastie Warntons were yesterday fined SwF2.000 (11.1925) by the International for Hockey Federation, writes Vic. Batcheider. The club ignored an IIHF instruction endorsed by the British association, not to play the Swedes Lars Tunel and Niklas Gullikson beterd a drapute with the Swedesh tederation over their migria, tional clearance had been resolved.

Both players were signed from the Swedesh club Vasby in January and may strainforch have since been approved.

Wayne Gretzly lauled to accure a position his home debut for St. Laus Blues to pronounced himself "tingling" as the beat Florede Fantners 2-0



RFL seeks to save world in Australia

Justice Burchett the history

of how the Super League

He will point out that when the RFL accepted Murdoch's

£87 million offer to sign up for

the European Super League it communicated the facts

within minutes" to the

ARL's executive chairman Ken Arthurson. The RFL

claims Arthurson is on record

as saying that he fully under-stood the reason behind the

As a result, says the RFL in a statement, the expanded world club championship and

the nine-nation International Board were formed, and these

would be jeopardised by the orders being sought by the

Paul Harrison of the RFL aid: "We have taken advice

from lawyers in this country and Australia. Our lawyers will be emphasising that our main aim is to protect the de-

welopment of rugby league worldwide. These proposals will be considered by the judge and the decision will be

anded down in the next few

judge that we have received letters from several countries

decision.

yesterday said it own competition in Australia in an attempt to protect the "concept of world

It plans to set up the compe-tition, to run alongside the European Super League which starts this month, if court action prevents Rupert
Murdoch going ahead with
the Australian Super League.
The Rugby Football League's
move came within hours of a

court hearing in Sydney at which an offer from Murdoch to scrap the inaugural Super League season and pay huge damages — a sum of £100 mil-lion has been mentioned was rejected by the Austra-lian Rugby League.

Today, also in Sydney, the
RFL will outline its proposal
to Justice James Burchett

and seek clarification on the position of the 300 Australian Super League players, whom its proposed competition is designed to benefit.

Murdoch has already

received a bloody nose from Justice Burchett, who ruled the media tycoon's Super League organisation illegal and granted the injunction that stopped it getting under way last weekend.

The ARL is hoping to land a

further blow by seeking a ban preventing the breakaway competition from starting be-fore the end of 1999. However, the RFL is wor-ried that attempts could be made to outlaw Super League

such as Fiji and Papua New Guinea who are relying upon us to fight for their cause."

Despite the RFL's arguments, its move looks more like a legal ploy than a realistic proposition. The plan sounds highly implausible and would almost certainly be illegal under the terms of the illegal under the terms of the judgment made against the Australian Super League.

Sri Lankans limber up for

Mike Selvey in Karachi examines the

ominous thunder rolling up from Kandy

World Cup quarter-final line-up and hears

England with runaway win

Shand, will be laying before | cern to the British game: the world club championship play-offs, due to be held in September between the leading eight Australasian and European Super League clubs, and the planned Great

Britain tour to Australasia Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, has given an assurance that a tour will take place even if it means going to somewhere other than Australia, but no such guar-antee can be given for the

All that can now save them, it would appear, is if the RFL and the ARL start to negotiate. And the ARL has yet to show signs of fulfilling the promise of its chief executive John Quayle that the rebuilding process would be "totally without recrimination, with-

out prejudice".

Much closer to the truth was his aside that the whole thing was a "frigging mess". Wigan have decided not to pursue their interest in the Hull back-row forward Steve McNamara. The England and Great Britain player, who asked for a move, was put up for sale this week at £350,000, which would be a record fee

for a forward. Jack Robinson, Wigan's chairman, said yesterday: The asking price is a little bit out of our range and we are trying to give all our young lads a chance. We are not looking for reinforce-ments at this particular time."

Hull's coach Phil Sigsworth said no offers had been received so far but he added that the club were willing to go to a transfer tribunal.



Townsend in top gear . . . Scotland's stand-off accelerates out of the clutches of Austin Healey at Franklins Gardens yesterday

East Midlands 47, Barbarians 19

Hosts run Barbarians to ground

Robert Armstrong at Franklins Gardens

Tennis

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Anothersa

for Hennz

HE Barbarians were given an embarrass-ing seven-try run-around by Northamp-ton, thinly disguised as the East Midlands, in a nonstop exhibition of expan-

sive rugby yesterday.
Grant Seely, the hosts' No. 8, led the scoring spree with a couple of first-half tries that paved the way for the East Midlands' biggest margin of victory in the eleventh hour, rearranged annual Mobbs Memorial a postponed league game fixture since it began 75 for Saturday.
years ago. But the three
tries the Barbarians did send and half a dozen score raised £900 for youth | England internationals

Northampton side includ-ing the England half-backs Grayson and Dawson be-cause Saints' Courage League Two match at Wakefield had been switched from next Saturday to a later date. Ian McGeechan, Northampton's director of rugby, promptly gave his players the green light.

It had been intended to choose players from Bedford for the East Midlands team but that club, at the

rally.

Jonathan Davies, whose

national honours in union and league, though his cut-out passes were a treat to watch. His promising half-At one stage the Barbarback partnership with Wales's most capped scrum-half Robert Jones failed to blossom because of a seri-ous lack of first-phase pos-

Paul Hull underlined his international quality as a full-back with a series of enterprising breaks down the flanks that only petered out through lack of close support by the three-quarters. Austin Healey, chosen out of position on the left wing, worked imaginaprevious appearance for the Barbarians had been in 1988, found few opportunities to demonstrate the skills that won him interpretional homography mison. duced a late try in the right

ians, who trailed 28-14 at half-time, went for 21 mintry, a histus that hinted at a second-half revival. Howrugby from the so-called Amicable Gesture made by the match sponsors Scottish Amicable.

The East Midlands were who took part in last Saturday's Calcutta Cup match domination of Northampton's loose forwards in broand free-flowing style on a day that provided a marked session, not to mention the domination of Northampton's loose forwards in broand free-flowing style on a day that provided a marked session, not to mention the domination of Northampton's loose forwards in broand free-flowing style on a day that provided a marked session, not to mention the domination of Northampton's loose forwards in broand free-flowing style on a day that provided a marked session, not to mention the domination of Northampton's loose forwards in broand free-flowing style on a day that provided a marked session, not to mention the look part in last Saturday.

contrast to the grimly fought Murrayfield fixture.
Townsend, at centre for the East Midlands, plundered two well-worked tries in the third quarter to nip in the bud a Barbarians

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Carries (Bath), L Dakaglio (Wanse), real thing can begin. The quarter-final pairings were decided by yesterday's final round of matches in Lahore, Kanpur and Kandy, with wins for Pakistan over New Zealand, India over Zimbabwe, and Sri Lanka over Kenya. So in Faisalabad on Saturday England will face a Sri

Golf

Langer cut up by old problem

David Davies

ERNHARD LANGER missed his first cut any-where in the world for Ryder Open in Miami last week. He did not like it and his reaction was instant. He took himself off to Boca Raton just up the road to a man named Dave Peltz, who specialises in short-game of the best putters in the coaching, in search of surgery. Langer, who three times in his career has overcome the with him throughout his re-worst affliction in golf, the cord run of 68 tournaments in yips, is close to succumbing for a fourth time. Since last and has carried the bag in Friday afternoon, when he learned he had missed the cut by one shot, he has tried 10 the Johnnie Walker Classic

special anti-yip grip isn't the "broomstick" putter.
working now. He's breaking The long putter is one of the his left elbow as he comes into the ball and he's not just three years at the Doral not holing anything, he's missing lots of short ones

> Coleman has been with Langer through all his trou-bles, has seen his man go from one of the worst to one world and back again three times already. He has been

Coleman, "and all they but the problem over here is digitally within the binocu-worked on was putting. But finding one." Not many play-the trouble is that even his ers in the United States use It can be used only during

simpler remedies for the many ills that afflict profes-sionals. More complicated is an instrument devised to remove the pain from that great bane of all golfers, judg-ing distance. It brings laser measurement to the game and should eliminate the most common moan of golfer to

caddie: "You gave me the wrong yardage". Originally developed for use in rifles, it enables caddies who can afford \$3,300 (£2,200) to produce irrefutable evidence that they have the right yardage, and gives play-ers absolute confidence. A

practice rounds but is already making inroads into amateur golf, it has been installed on carts at plusher resorts in an

attempt to speed up play.
This week's Honda Classic,
at the Eagle Trace club here in Florida has attracted another strong field, and has a history of being won by a good player. Last year it was Mark O'Meara, with Nick Faldo runner-up and Ian Woosnam third; in 1994 Nick Price won, with Langer tied for fourth and Sandy Lyle, here again this week, tied for ninth. Fred Couples won in 1993 and the year before that it was Corey Pavin.

Faldo, after further consultadifferent putters, according to his caddie Pete Coleman, with none making any appreum ting was awful.

"He's been looking for a "He's been looking for a "He went to see Peltz," said long putter," added Coleman, and the yardage is displayed pects to do better this week. tion with his coach David became too short and fast in last week's wind and he ex-

Skiing

Seizinger is **World Cup** holder at last

PERSISTENCE paid off yesterday for Katja Seizinger of Germany when she was crowned overall World Cup champion at Lillehammer, where she finished third behind Heidi Zurbriggen of Switzerland in the season's last downbill. Third place was enough to

give her an unbeatable lead of more than 300 points from her nearest rival, Anita Wachter of Austria, with three races remaining. time to sink in, because I've been dreaming about it for so long," said Seizinger, who twice in the past four years had seen the overall title snatched from her in the season's final race.
"This title is the one that means the most to a skier, because you have to fight for it race after race.

Seizinger, who has won world and Olympic titles, could not stop the veteran Zurbriggen recording her first victory of the season with a faultless run.

In the men's race Nor way's Lasse Kjus moved closer to the downhill title with a brilliant win. His most dangerous rival, Aus-tria's Günther Mader, kept in touch with second place but Kjus, whose season was marred by a spectacular crash during training at Kitzbühel in January, now leads by 183 points.

The World Cup finals continue today with the two super-giant slaloms. The men's race should see an exciting battle between the overall leader Atle Skaardal of Norway and Austria's Hans Knaus, only 13 points behind. Seizinger. ing eight of the victorious right of the victorious and right of the victorious right of the victorious right of the victorious right of the victorious with the Cobra company and right of the Order of Merit in order as well, will start favourite of the coming entangled in his own the first two games.

World Cup in the super-G as well, will start favourite in the women's race.

for their future participation to be justifiable if a better schedule can be devised.

Of the four quarter-finals, the one to arouse the greatest **QUALIFIERS**

Lanka side fresh from their 144-run trouncing of the Afri-cans in front of a capacity 20,000 crowd. It was an awesome display that boded ill for England's chances.

398 for five in 50 overs. Aravinda de Silva top-scored with 145 to become the first Sri

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Seen, Mar 17t Labore Lankan to make a century in the World Cup. Sri Lanka's total beat the previous best for a limitedovers international of 363 for seven in 55 overs — by Eng land against Pakistan at Not tingham in 1992. It also surpassed the previous World Cup record total of 360 for four by West Indies against Sri Lanka at Karachi in 1987. interest is the India-Pakistan

battle, if only for political reasons. Already Bal Thack-eray, head of the Hindu extremist party Shiv Sena, has said that, should Pakistan reach the semi-final, mea-sures will be taken to prevent Also on Saturday, India meet Pakistan under the lights in Bangalore in what would have constituted the them taking the field in Chan-digarh, and there is no doubt that security in Bangalore will be massive for the dur-

to date, face West Indies here and Australia fight out their own personal antipodean battle with New Zealand in Madras, again under lights. ation of the Pakistan stay.

There had been suggestions that Pakistan might be prepared to throw their qualify. ing matches against England and New Zealand to avoid The competition therefore says thank you and goodbye leaving home at all for the to the expected quartet of Holland, Kenya, the United Arab quarter-final. But as England appeared incapable of taking more drastic measures, but Emirates and Zimbabwe, the advantage, Pakistan may he should be only Test-playing country of have given it up as a mission the weekend. advantage, Pakistan may he should be fit enough for

impossible and simply accepted the consequences of winning. They knew, too, that in Chandigarh they would not be under the sort of pressure that comes from their own demanding fans.

FTER three weeks and the four. Each left a sufficient manual gians.

The prospect of England meeting Sri Lanka has been looming since they lost to New Zealand in the opening match of the tournament, and the Sri Lankans gained a their two walkovers.

Sri Lanka are a talented team but no one could have anticipated the sort of carnage that has been coming from their batsmen. Because of the deep hurt felt in Sri Lankan circles over the shabby treatment meted out to them by the Test and County Cricket Board, vic-

tory over England would be doubly sweet. In Madras, Australia ought not to have too much trouble England's chances.

Kenya by no means disgraced themselves with 254 for seven, but they never had any hope of catching the home side's record-breaking 398 for five in 50 overs. Ara-

A more unpredictable match will take place in Kara-chi's National Stadium. Logic competent and confident to loss. West Indies have

lose. West Indies have scraped through only by a coat of varnish, yet this is one game they will be desperate to win.
England leave Karachi for Faisalabad today minus Neil Fairbrother, who has returned home, but with his replacement Mark Ramprakash having arrived yester-day. Unless something untoward happens to a batsman before the toss on Saturday his contribution will be purely as cover.

At the moment there seems no way that Dominic Cork can get out of the prospect of propelling the new ball at the openers Jayasuriya and Kaluwitharana. His knee is troublesome and in the long term will probably require

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Early victory tonic for slimline Ballesteros

Michael Britten in Rabat

SEVERIANO Ballesteros returns from a five-month break from tournament play here today with new clubs, a new caddie and a plea for patience. Having made a winning start to his reign as Ryder Cup captain by leading Europe to a 3-2 win over Africa in the curtain-raising Sahara Cup, he knows his chances of similar success in the Moroccan Open at Royal Dar es Salaam look as slim as

his new waistline. Yesterday he and Sam Torrance beat the South Africans lan Palmer and Roger Wes-sels 68-68 in the four-ball medal matchplay contest after his 10-man side, contain-

The Spaniard promptly | man won the Doral Open last | warned his supporters not to Sunday. expect too much too soon. "I His ne ask everyone to be patient with me," said Ballesteros, who has spent the 164 days since his demoralising Ryder

Cup defeat by Tom Lehman enjoying family life and shed-ding 121b through exercise and diet. was last staged on this 7,350yd Trent Jones-designed course "It will not be easy to come back after such a long break. My confidence is not good and it will take time. My lack of competition will make it harder for me to get back to

His immediate task is to regain form here and in Dubai next week before going to Jacksonville and Atlanta before the US Masters. He has a new club contract

normal."

His new caddie is Martin Gray from Worksop, whose previous employers include two Ryder Cup men, David Gilford and Gordon Brand Jr. Gilford won the first of his two Moroccan titles when it

The 66 achieved by Howard Clark on the way to becoming the inaugural winner in 1987 is still the course record. Mark James is the defending champion, but the favourite for a first prize of more than £58,000 is Ian Woosnam, who has won the first two events of the year, in Singapore and Perth. The Welshman is in-tent on remaining at the top

David Hopps in Kanpur

VINOD KAMBLI has a haz-ardous approach to bat-Indian life. He bedecks him-

dream final. On Monday South Africa, the favourites with an unblemished record

self with enough jewellery and lucky charms to set up a roadside stall, and then treats perpetual danger as if it were an everyday occurrence. Nor is Kambli, who grew up in the Bombay slums, particularly selective over which reli-

gion he turns to for protection. Crucifixes langle for room alongside pictures of Hindu gods, rival talismans striving to keep a precarious international career on stable ground. On careering to an eventful century yesterday, Kambli had so many charms to kiss

excitement in anticipation of an overwhelming margin, a quarter-final against Pakistan in Bangalore on Saturting that is much attuned to day; his 106 came from 110 balls before Grant Flower caught him at long-on, four

Kambli's charmed life seals Zimbabwe fate

innings. The fielder's reaction was to fling the ball away in disgust, reflecting the fact that Kambli had been dropped three times and should also

Test nation to have made less of an impression on this World Cup than England. Class in the closing overs, fol-

his dash and dare that India | India or West Indies expense, is now awash with feverish | Zimbabwe needed to win by and when India subsided to 32 for three, with their top three batsmen Tendulkar. Manjrekar and Azharuddin all dismissed, they were not without overs from the end of India's hope. But their fielding fell away badly, and Sidhu's dependability in making 80 from 116 balls proved a worthy foil to his more head-

strong partner. The task for Zimbabwe's have been run out on 10, div- batsmen had become insuring headlong into the crease | mountable: 248 in 14 overs to as Whittall failed to pick up reach the last eight ahead of West Indies. Even victory cleanly at cover.

Zimbabwe are the only full proved elusive, India win-

who at least have one more lowed up with some routine chance to redeem themselves.

To reach the quarter-finals to claim an unlikely Man of

SportsGuardian

Illingworth's 'supremo' days may be numbered

Paul Weaver

AYMOND Illingworth's tenure as chairman of the Eng-land selectors may

The Test and County Cricket Board, at its spring meeting at Lord's yesterday, issued a deadline of March 20 for members to submit their nominations to the chief executive Alan Smith.

That is only three days after the World Cup final, although it may be that Illingworth and his players will already have been back in England some time by then. If there is more than one nomi-nation a ballot will be conducted and the result an-nounced before the end of

The beleaguered Illing-worth can put another, even more critical, date in his diary this morning: March 26. That is when the executive committee of the board will meet to decide his future as England team manager.
It looks increasingly un-

likely that he will continue in his twin-job "supremo" role, and his position as manager is looking vulnerable. John Emburey is his most likely successor but David Lloyd, Phil Neals and even Ian Botham have been Botham mentioned.

Meanwhile, the TCCB has reacted predictably to the sorry state of English cricket. It has not, like West Indies, sacked the coach and per-suaded the captain to fall on his sword. Instead it has formed a working party.
It will be chaired by an in-

ternational fencer, one who represented Great Britain in the 1968 Mexico Olympics. In is better known as a former

committee, although he never played for England.

The working party will, said a statement, "review all aspects relating to the administration, selection and maniagement of England teams at

Essex off-spinner and chairman of the TCCB's cricket

"David Acfield will be the chairman and will select its members. They will make their recommendations to the executive committee and then to the board before the end of

The board also confirmed that this season three points will be awarded for a County Will be awarded for a country
Championship draw, and
from next year the majority of
Championship matches will
start on a Wednesday.
England have so far escaped the rancour that is tear-

ing apart the West Indies team, whose coach Andy Roberts yesterday provided a fresh fount of bad feeling. Roberts was told by the West Indies board that, along with Richte Richardson giving up the captaincy, he and the team manager Wes Hall would be dismissed at the end

of the World Cup.
Courtney Walsh has been
named as captain for the
series against New Zealand in the Caribbean this month. The former captain Clive Lloyd will be coach for the series, with the Barbadian representative on the board. Tony Marshall, taking over as

"A lot of these decisions are taken by people who really do not understand cricket," Roberts said. "It's one thing to read about cricket, it's another thing to understand it. "Most of the time they're far away in the Caribbean. It's difficult for them to ENGLAND TREMBLE AT RECORD CRICKET SCORE



Fan base . . . a supporter helps De Silva celebrate his century as Ranatunga, who made 75 not out, stands by DEXTER CRUEZ

Beach feud generates modest heat



lan Katz

pavement was still dot-ted with grubby mounds of ice and dirt from the previous week's snowfall, but inside Madison Square Garden Holly McPeak was jogging on to the court in a red bikini.

Even if she was the scantiest clad of the women finalists, McPeak did not look out of place since the floor of the fam-ous arena lay buried under 240 tons of white sand. "Hey, we're having fun at the beach," de-clared an announcer with no trace of irony.

Welcome to beach volley-ball, the latest and most preposterous addition to the roster of Olympic sports.

For more than a decade, a few dozen bronzed surfer types have earned a respectable liv-ing digging and spiking their way around the game's modes

professional tour.
But the sport's potential for growth always seemed limited as long as it was confined to venues in California, Florida and Brazil. The solution? If you can't bring Mohammed to the beach, bring the beach to Mohammed. The United States' three

professional leagues (two for men and one for men and women) now regularly bring a taste of Venice Beach to wintry cities where the only sand is the stuff spread in the streets to melt the ice.

Playing indoors has its advantages, explained Karolyn Kirby, one of the top women players, after an early-season tournament in sub-zero Fairfax, Virginia a few weeks ago. "You don't have to worry about sunburn."

O COMPLETE the transformation of the arena where the New York Rangers do battle in the national ice hockey league, the organisers of last weekend's Evian Indoor Championships distributed brightly coloured beachballs

selling beachwear and nasty tropical drinks. Bronz teenagers aren't exactly packing away their base ball mits but there are some signs of the sport's growing popularity far from its Cali-fornian heartland. Several outdoor courts opened on a

to spectators and laid on stalls

disused wharf by the Hudson River last summer, and outside Washington an old warehouse has been converted into a slice of Miami beach complete with processed sand and beautiful people.

The game's enthusiasts pre-dict a surge of interest after the sport makes its Olympic

debut on an artificial patch of beach in Atlanta this summer. It's easy to see why. Com-bining wholesome, aerobic sex appeal with the sunny escapism of holiday brochures, beach volleyball seems the perfect sport for the MTV age

-Baywatch with scoring. It doesn't hurt that dashing and lunging about on a beach appears to be the quickest route to a perfect physique The cognoscenti talk know-ingly about "sand legs". "It's a function of working out on sand that we have really good legs and are very fit." Kirby explained. "It's survival of the fittest out there."

The US's glossy media seem suddenly to be arriving at a similar conclusion. Nancy Reno, the top-ranked women's player, was last week being photographed by Herb Ritts for the May issue of Vogue. Annie Leibowitz had already shot her for an upcoming edi-tion of Vanity Fair.

EACH volley ball even has the prerequisite for any self-respect-ing pro sport: a bitter feud between two rival organi-sations. The International Volleyball Federation (FTVB) is the dirtiest word (or four words) on the AVP tour — the one favoured by US stars such as Karch Kiraly and Kent

Under a compromise agree ment the US Olympic team will feature representatives from both leagues, though Kir-aly has bardly extended an olive brach to his likely teammate, the veteran FIVB star Sinjin Smith. "Unfortunately his qualification weakens our Olympic team," Kiraly de-clared flatly last week.

His remark did not sit alto-gether comfortably with the declaration by Evlan's mar keting boss Paul Block that his brand of mineral watter fitted well with beach volley ball be-cause both had a "nurturing,

giving" image. As the crowd of 12,000 enter-tained themselves playing beachball and doing the wave, McPeak and Reno slugged it out with Angela Rock and Liz Masakayan for the first prize of \$31,500 each. In a tight fin-ish the top-seeded duo pre-vailed; a fitting result, a number of male spectators agreed given the unsporting insistence of Rock and Masakayan on wearing lycra shorts over their swimming costumes.

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Sri Lanka's batsmen wind up for the World Cup showdown

As IF their own stutterling form were not a bad enough bandicap, England go into their World Cup quarter-final against a Sri Lanka side who yesterday batted their way to the highest-ever total in a one-lay interportural.

The said all along there are the statement of the stat

day international. Topped by a relentless 145 off 115 balls from the former Kent batsman Aravinda de Silva, Sri Lanka swept aside the Kenya bowlers to reach 398 for five. Their eventual victory by 144 runs put
Group A's top team in per-

There were, in the first few

weeks, an array of flowers left at the scene, mysteriously dropped by unseen hands

in the dead of night. One paid

tribute to the

back seat, who

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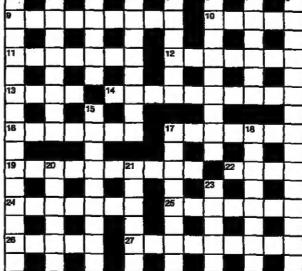
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"We'll need to be at our best to beat them," Ray-mond Illingworth warned. "Twe said all along they are

In the other quarter-fin als India play Pakistan, West Indies meet South Africa, and Australia take on New Zealand.

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